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Unions to establish 'underground' group at GCHQ

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Civil Service trade unions are planning to establish tomorrow an alternative representatvie organization for staff at the Government Communications Headquarters where unions are banned from midnight tonight.

The unions' decision to go "undeground" under the guise of an organization called something like "Friends of GCHQ Employees" will be explained over the next few days in a letter to the hardcore group of GCHQ staff refusing to renounce union membership.

It became clear last night that about 250 staff at the secret communications bases have signed the unions' option from, stating they they wish to remain employed at GCHQ but also retain their unions membership.

They will each receive the unions' letter urging them now to make a positive decision either to accept the Government's £1,000 or not sign the option form at all. They will be advised that the unions believe that seeking a transfer from GCHQ is not really an option because there are virtually no other areas of the Civil Service which need the specialized skills of the Cheltenham staff.

The letters will also emphasize the labour movement's determination to stand behind them and that they will be financially supported. Some Civil Service unions are likely to press for a prolonged national Civil Service strike if anyone is dismissed from GCHQ.

The unions believe that those refusing to accept the Government's terms will finally drop to below 100 and it will be those staff that the new organization will be designed to represent.

Union leaders will be careful to make sure the word union is not in its title and a full-time official will be appointed to work at Cheltenham liaising with staff at the centre. Previous union activists have indicated that they will be prepared to carry the organization's literature into GCHQ.

Staff would pay subscriptions to the body by direct debit from their bank accounts and staff in the eight UK outstations would also be kept informed of the organization's operations.

The decision to set up the alternative boby was taken in recognition of the inevitability of the Government being able to persuade the vast majority of the staff to renounce union membership in return for the £1,000 payment.

Union leaders were, however, heartened by the response to the TUC's call for support for the day of protest on Tuesday and believe that a dismissal from GCHQ by someone refusing to accept a transfer or renounce union membership would be the signal for widespread industrial action.

● There appeared to be a rush of acceptances of the Government's terms for the surrender of trade union rights among GCHQ employees in the 24 hours before the midnight deadline taking the number of those who had accepted the £1,000 between 87 and 88 per cent (Julian Haviland writes).

TUC to call day-of-action if one of staff is sacked

The TUC General Council will call for a 24-hour day-of-action if any civil servant is sacked over the trade union ban at GCHQ Cheltenham.

TUC leaders also decided at the end of a five-and-a-half hour meeting to suspend their membership of the National Economic Development Council and to review membership of other tripartite bodies. Earlier, Mr David Basnett, chairman of the TUC economic committee, had announced that he would no longer sit on the NEDC.

Mr Alan Tuffin, General Secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, said that it would be up to individual unions to decide how they would interpret any day of action. He would call for a 24-hour strike in his own union.

TUC representatives sit on about eighty bodies with government representatives, including the Manpower Services Commission, the Equal Opportunities Commission and the governing body of the consiliation service, Acas.

There was disagreement among general council members as to how far the TUC should go in breaking off relations. Some argued that the cause of GCHQ employees would not be served if the unions were seen to withdraw from agencies such as the Manpower Services Commission.

There was some opposition from right-wing union leaders to any break with the government.

Mr Basnett is one of the so-called "Neddy Six" who sit on the NEDC for the TUC.

The prospect of union withdrawal from the NEDC prompted disagreement between employers' organizations. Sir Terence Beckett, director-general of the CBI, appealed to the TUC to attend next week's meeting of the council, saying its withdrawal "does nothing to help the nation's recovery from recession".

The right-wing Institute of Directors said: "The vast majority of business will not lose 10 seconds of work time worrying about whether the TUC continues to be involved in NEDC".

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Home and dry: Observe helps John Francome become only the second National Hunt jockey to ride 1,000 winners. Report, page 26. (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Big rise in health charges likely

By Nicholas Timmins Social Services Correspondent

Increases of up to 30 per cent over the next two years in health service charges for items such as prescriptions and dental services, or further restrictions on those entitled to them free, are likely.

The increases, which could take prescription charges from £1.40 to more than £1.80 from April, 1985, are foreshadowed in the Government's expenditure plans for the health service.

They show the income it receives from the charges for family practitioner services, which include dental services, rising by 6.8 per cent from £322m this year to £344m next, at a time when the Government expects inflation to increase bu only 4.5 per cent.

That would imply an increase this April of 10p on the £1.40 prescription charge, and a rise of about 90p on the £13.50 maximum for routine dental treatment, with the maximum charge for more complicated treatment exceeding £100.

However, in 1985-86, income from charges is expected to rise by another 12.2 per cent to £386m, when inflation is expected to be only 4 per cent. At the same time, however, NHS income of £38m from charges for spectacles will almost entirely disappear as the Government's Bill to restrict the

That could be achieved in three ways:

● Increasing charges for prescriptions, appliances and dental treatment, perhaps to a maximum of £17.50 for routine dental treatment.

● Restricting further the numbers receiving free dental treatment and prescriptions.

● Introducing some new form of charge for family doctor services.

The Department of Health yesterday refused to confirm that large increases in charges were on the way, but said they were "kept continously under review".

Kinnock urged to take on the left

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Mr Neil Kinnock is being urged by senior members of his Shadow Cabinet to take on the left-wing activists who they believe threaten the Labour Party's continuing recovery.

With Mr Tony Benn almost certain to be returned to Parliament in today's Chesterfield by-election plans are already in hand to weaken the influence of his closest followers in the constituency parties.

Mr Kinnock has been told by his most senior colleagues that he should back a move to change the reselection process for parliamentary candidates to prevent more blood-letting next winter and the unseating of many MPs, perhaps including several Shadow Cabinet figures, by the far left.

The change would have to be made at this year's party conference, because the next reselection process starts in December, 18 months after the general election.

Mr Kinnock is being encouraged to back the replacement of the present system with a new process under which the selection would be by a one-member-one-vote poll of the local party's paid up members, and not by a possibly unrepresentative general management committee.

The revival of a two-stage process, under which reselection could happen only after a motion of no confidence in the sitting MP is not regarded as a way out by those pressing for change, as it would be no real obstacle to determined activists.

With Mr Kinnock's support, however, it is felt there would be a majority both in the national executive and later in the conference for a change to the one-member-one vote system.

It is believed his authority would be suff[illegible]ent [illegible] deliver the votes [illegible] unions, including [illegible] [illegible]ansport and Gener[illegible] [illegible]on.

Pop tycoon starts air fare auction

Promises of lower and lower Atlantic fares were made by rival airlines after the pop music millionaire Richard Branson, who has bought control of Atlantic Airways, announced his intention to undercut the American People Express with a £99 service in June **Page 3**

£900m building society boost

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Renewed violence

Disturbing reports of renewed killings and torture by both security forces and guerrillas are coming from the area of Matabeleland placed under curfew by the Zimbabwe Government **Page 5**

Insolvency Bill

Directors whose companies become insolvent will face stiffer penalties under new proposals in a White Paper presaging a new Insolvency Bill next year

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Pilot killed

The pilot of a Cessna 150 light aircraft was killed yesterday in a mid-air collision with a US Thunderbolt jet-fighter over the Norfolk Broads. The American aircraft was only slightly damaged.

The Times

We apologize to readers, advertisers and newsagents for the non-appearance of *The Times* yesterday because of a strike by Fleet Street engineers.

Trudeau quits after 15 years

From John Best Ottawa

Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, is resigning after 15 years in office, his press secretary said yesterday.

The 64-year-old Liberal leader made known his intention in a letter earlier in the day to the party president, Mrs Iona Campagnolo. His retirement had long been rumoured. He will remain in office until a new Liberal leader is chosen, possibly in about three months.

The colourful, frequently controversial and unorthadox Mr Trudeau has been Prime Minister since April 1968, except for a nine-month period in 1979 and 1980, when a minority Conservative government held office.

When the Tories fell in December 1979, Mr Trudeau reversed an earlier decision to resign as Liberal leader. Back in office – he led the Liberals to a stunning election victory – he declined repeated invitations to reaffirm his commitment to step down.

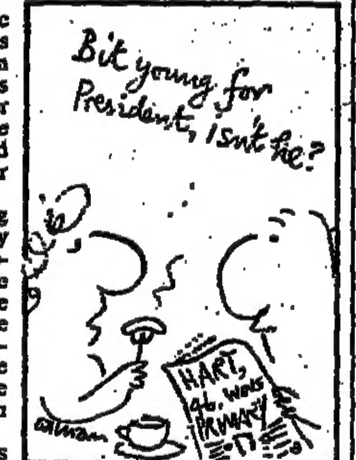
Recently, observers had begun to suspect to suspect he might be planning to stay around for still another campaign, but yesterday he put an end to all doubts.

In his letter of resignation Mr Trudeau said being leader of the Liberal Party had been "one of the joys of my life."

Mondale puts brave face on defeat

From Nicholas Ashford, Manchester, New Hampshire

The race for the Democratic presidential nomination has turned into a contest between the party's old guard and its young Turks following senator Gary Hart's upset victory in the New Hampshire primary and his humiliating defeat of Mr Walter Mondale.



Hardly had the counting stopped and the cheering by senator Hart's youthful supporters subsided than both he and Mr Mondale, as well as the five other candidates still in the race, were back on the campaign trail preparing for the crucial series of 26 state primaries and caucauses which take place during March.

Putting as brave a face on his defeat as possible, Mr Mondale described the New Hampshire result as a "cold shower". He had hoped a victory in New Hampshire, following his win in Iowa a week ago, would effectively secure his nomination at this early stage in the race.

Mr Mondale predicted that his well-organised, lavishly financed campaign would restore his front-runner status in the key contests that lie ahead.

Mondale aides doubted whether Senator Hart had either the organization or the funds to consolidate its tactical advantage. The Hart campaign is currently $300,000 (£200,000) in debt and the Colorado senator has not even filed full delegate slates in major states such as Florida and Illinois.

However an ebullient Senator Hart, who projected himself during the campaign as representing "a new generation of leadership with new ideas", said his victory would provide him with the money, momentum and media attention he needs if he is to remain in the lead during the next crucial phase.

"We do not have the endorsements, we do not have the most money . . . but what we do have is what no other campaign or candidacy has – that is, a cause and crusade for this country's future".

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Battered Gemayel's road to Damascus

By Robert Fisk, Beirut

President Gemayel of Lebanon arrived by air in Damascus yesterday with all the panoply of a head of state and the [illegible] of knowing that he has at last been forced to concede to Syria's demands.

President Assad met the Lebanese leader at Damascus airport and escorted him to his palace for talks, which are certain to end in the abrogation of the unofficial peace treaty between Lebanon and Israel.

It was a symbolic moment for more than one reason. Just as Mr Gemayel was setting foot in Syria for the first time in his presidency, Mr Caspar Weinberger, the American Defence Secretary, was landing on the aircraft carrier USS Guam steaming off Beirut.

He briefly visited American diplomatic staff in the city and had reportedly hoped to meet Mr Gemayel. There was a time not so long ago when Mr Gemayel would have been desperate to meet Mr Weinberger, but the [illegible] tide has [illegible].

According to Lebanese Government sources, Mr Gemayel was resolved upon visiting Damascus after the Americans rejected an appeal from him last week for further fire support from US warships and jets. On board the *Guam* yesterday, Mr Weinberger said that his Navy's "rules of engagement" had not changed, but there was little doubting his realization that America's mission in Lebanon had failed.

Mr Gemayel is believed to be seeking a firm commitment from Syria that its Army will be withdrawn from Lebanon when the last Israeli troops have left. In return, Mr Gemayel would be prepared to abrogate the May 17 Treaty with Israel.

English football [illegible] in ferry skirmishes

Fighting broke out between rival supporters at the Parc des Princess stadium, Paris, last night before the football match between England and France. Knives and bottles had earlier been used in skirmishes involving English supporters on a cross-channel ferry. Four people were taken to hospital after arriving in Dunkirk.

French supporters in the upper tier behind one goal ripped up seats and hurled them at the English on a lower level. In one corner helmeted riot police with batons moved in to break up minor skirmishes between French and English and several of the English appeared to be severely beaten before being taken away.

After a Sealink ferry carrying 550 English supporters docked in Dunkirk, several of them ran onto the port parking area where they began an impromptu stock car race. They found new British Leyland cars waiting to be cargoed to Switzerland, the keys were in the ignitions

The English supporters then caused a delay of 30 minutes in the Dunkirk to Paris train at Lens, insulting other passengers, smashing windows, ripping curtains and setting off fire extinguishers.

MPs' inquiry condemns electricity price rise

By David Young Energy Correspondent

The electricity price rise of 2 per cent which comes into effect on April 1 has been described by an all-party committee of MPs as unjustified.

The 11 members of the Commons energy committee – seven Conservative and four Labour – have said in their report that the only plausible reason for the rise is to increase government revenue and that the Treasury "should have the honesty to say so".

The rise, which affects only domestic consumers – industry's tariffs remain unchanged – will be put into effect by the 12 area boards in England and Wales, unless legal moves to halt it by the statutory electricity consultative councils are successful.

A change in the electricity supply industry's external financing limit imposed by the Treasury in December resulted in the 2 per cent price rise's being demanded by the Cabinet, even though the industry had said that it could meet the new financial targets by increased efficiency. It has now been asked to provide £740m revenue this financial year.

Initially a 3 per cent price rise was demanded by the Treasury, but this was cut after intervention at Cabinet level by the Secretary of State for Energy, Mr Peter Walker.

The Commons select committee, in its report yesterday, said: "Neither in terms of the need for the industry to meet its financial target, nor on the basis of the Government's policy of economic pricing for electricity, are we persuaded by the case for a 2 per cent price increase.

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Welcome home to Lord Stockton after 20 years

By John Winder

In a sense it was a homecoming for Harold Macmillan yesterday afternoon when, after 20 years absence he once again took a seat in the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

A few minutes after 2.30 an unusually crowded House of Lords watched as the new Earl of Stockton entered amid his impressive escort to take the oath of allegiannce in the words he had used as an MP in the House of Commons on several occasions over the past 60 years.

It was not just the benches of the Chamber which glittered with personalities for the occasion. Watching from the sidelines on the steps of the throne were Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, her Chief Whip, Mr John Wakeham, and the chairman of the 1922 Committee, Mr Edward du Cann.



Lord Stockton with sponsors Lord de la Warr (left) and Lord St Aldwyn.

Yesterday's ceremony had been rehearsed – and well it might be since it is more than 20 years since such an installation. The most junior of Her Majesty's Earls, her erstwhile son-in-law, Earl of Snowdon, took his seat in 1961 and few of those present yesterday witnessed that occasion, or that two years later when Lord Alexander of Hillsborough was introduced.

There are important differences between the introduction of an earl and that of a life peer. The most obvious perhaps, is that a baron must formally take his seat on the back benches. For an Earl the front benches are cleared.

Escorted by Earls St Aldwyn and De La Warr, with Garter King at Arms, Sir Colin Cole; the Earl Marshal, the Duke of Norfolk and the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Marquess of Cholmondeley, the new earl walked into the chamber where he once occupied a seat as MP.

The whole long ceremony took place to a respectful silence from the packed benches, broken only by cheers when the Earl of Stockton just remembered to pause as he left the champer to shake the hand of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, who had been a minister in his cabinet.

Protection promised for next inspector after rowdy planning inquiry

Nicholas Ridley, Secretary ...ate for Transport, yesterday ...ised full protection for the ...ctor at the next inquiry ... the proposed widening of ...way Road, north London.

...s statement came after ...day's announcement of the ...nation of Air Marshal Sir ...ael Giddings, the inspector ...he latest inquiry, which ...ed in January. Sir Michael ...plained of harassment and ...ess to his wife.

...eaking on BBC radios ...ld at One, Mr Ridley said: ...lo not see why anybody's ... and family should be ...lved in any way whatso... I am determined that the ... inspector will have any ...tection he thinks he needs to ...y out his duties properly."

...e said, at the decision that ... next inspector should be a ...ior lawyer, that the Govern...nt had been forced to get ...eone with legal knowledge ...cause of the way this ...alling harassment has taken ...ce".

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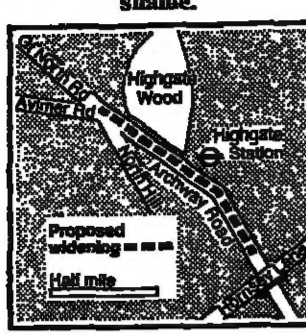
...is wife, Elizabeth, already ...sitive after a two-month ...ess last year, has taken the ...nt of a persistent and often ...ensive assault in their priv....

...It included opening a parcel ... excreta sent their home, ...ing telephone calls in the ...ght which threatened violence, or were obscene, receiving 600 letters, disturbing trespassers in their garden, and having two deputations visit their home over Christmas. The police are now watching the house round the clock

At their bungalow in Tilehurst, Reading, Sir Michael showed little anger at the protesters. "Threats have been made to do me, but that doesn't bother me I have simply got to the point where I am worried about leaving my wife alone in the house."



Sir Michael: sense of shame.



The harassment, he says, was encouraged by objectors circulating his home address and telephone number. "In the inquiry objectors have been hysterical at times, believing that the only way to stop the road is by stopping the inquiry. I actually regard most of this as pretty infantile, but the effect on a woman in herwn is serious."

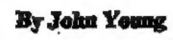
Some protesters have accused him of bias in favour of the Department of Transport proposals, a suggestion which elicits weary resignation since he has been unable to hear any of the evidence.

"There is a strong, responsible body of opposition, and it is by no means certain that I would have come out in favour of the department."

Sir Michael, who rose through the RAF after conscription in 1940 to become Deputy Chief of Defence Staff, has been an inquiry inspector for five years, and presided over the longest public inquiry ever held, into the M1 north of Leeds.

He now believes that whoever takes over when the inquiry reopens in September should be single and invulnerable to pressures on family.

Bizarre Archway battle



By John Young

The resignation of Air Mar...al Sir Michael Giddings, the ...spector at the Archway Road ...ublic inquiry, is the latest ...squieting episode in a bizarre ...ory that goes back more than ...) years.

A new inquiry will have to be ...onvened. The Department of ...ransport estimated yesterday ...at the three previous inquiries ...ad cost the taxpayer about ...135,000.

The original order confirming ...e widening of the road for a ...retch of just over one mile was ...ade after a public inquiry in ...974. It forms part of the A1 ...nd is in constant use by heavy ...orries.

But that order left ... umber ...f ancillary matte... mainly concerning access roads, still to be settled. By the time a further inquiry was called in 1976, the motorway protest lobby had moved into top gear.

The inquiry was abandoned after repeated disruption and after the inspector, Mr James Vernon, has become seriously ill. It was reconvened the following year, under a new inspector, Mr Ralph Rolph, but was adjourned indefinitely in October 1977, when Mr Rolph suggested that the Department should revise its traffic forecasts.

By that time both the Greater London Council and Haringey Borough Council has withdrawn their support. When, in March 1978, Mr William Rodgers, the then Labour Secretary of State, announced the abandonment of the draft side road and compulsory purchase orders, the objectors thought that they had won.

But last year the present Government decided to switch resources to improving roads in towns and cities.

Yesterday the protestors angrily rejected suggestions that they had been responsible for harassing Sir Michael and his family.

Mr George Stern, chairman of Stop the Archway Motorway Campaign, said that so far as he was aware, there had been only one visit to their home, on Christmas Eve, by a small delegation who had had a polite discussion.

For... propos... collapse

Plans for an all-out strike at ...ord's Dagenham complex on ...Monday appeared to have ...ollapsed yesterday after a ...evolt by both white collar and ...manual workers against the ...ction. Calls have been made ...or a new dialogue with ...management.

A proposed nationwide stop...age over the closure of Dagenham's Thames foundry and in pursuit of assurances over the company's investment plan for Britain, also looked like being abandoned.

£3,000 order for Parkinson

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the former Conservative Cabinet minister, was formerly ordered yesterday to pay £3,000-a-year maintenance to his daughter, Flora, the child of his former secretary, Miss Sara Keays.

Neither Mr Parkinson nor Miss Keays attended the two-minute hearing before Radstock magistrates in Somerset.



Princess Anne, back from her tour of the drought-stricken areas of West Africa, yesterday launched a new appeal to help the poor of the Third World.

At a press conference in London, she gave her backing to a plan to raise £750,000 to expand a nutrition unit in Dacca, Bangladesh, run by the Save the Children Fund. The appeal is a joint venture by the Fund and the Townswomen's Guilds.

Kidnap charge men remanded

Two more men appeared before magistrates in Birmingham yesterday charged with the kidnap of Indian diplomat Mr Ravindra Mhatre.

Mr Abdul Ansari, aged 23, of Wright Road, and Mr Janghir Mirza, 24, of Membury Road, both Saltley, Birmingham, were remanded in police custody until next Friday. Two other men were remanded on Tuesday by the same court.

Europe report on Ulster approved

By Diana Geddes, Paris

The Haagerup report on Northern Ireland, commissioned by the European Parliament, was overwhelmingly approved by the Parliament's political affairs committee in Paris yesterday, but only after the more extreme amendments on such issues as civil rights and reunification had been rejected or withdrawn.

The vote on the amended report was twenty-two for, and four against. All five British Conservative MEPs abstained. Conservatives have always opposed the report on the grounds that it was an unwarranted interference in British affairs.

Those who voted against were the Rev Ian Paisley, of the Democratic Unionist Party, Mr John D Taylor, of the Official Unionist Party, and the two French communist members of the committee. No British Labour MEPs attended yesterday's meeting.

Lady Elles, spokesman for the Conservative European Democratic Group and a vice-president of the European Parliament, said afterwards that the Conservatives still felt the report should never have been written.

However, now that it had been done they were glad that a member of the calibre of Mr Niels Haagerup was concerned almost exclusively with Northern Ireland's social and economic affairs.

The most extreme amendments proposed by Mr Paisley and Mr Neil Blaney, Independent MEP from the Irish Republic, were withdrawn or rejected.

One of the few amendments accepted was proposed by Lady Elles' own group, condemning "those organizations and individuals anywhere providing financial or material support to terrorist organizations" and urging their governments to prevent such action.

That was intended to encourage the United States in particular to prevent such organizations as Noraid giving financial assistance which was then used to buy arms, she said.

Lady Elles said: "I don't think the contents of this report will harm the situation in Norther Ireland.

"Indeed, it may help draw attention to the economic and social conditions in Northern Ireland.

"It will also make people in Europe realize there is no possibility of Irish unity in the foreseeable future, that the removal of the British presence would lead to more violence rather than less, and that it is up to the people of Northern Ireland alone to decide whether they want to remain in the UK".

Youth training criticized

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

The Engineering Council spoke yesterday of a serious shortage of high-quality training places in industry for professional engineers and called for about £200m a year in government cash to help finance an adequate level of training.

Sir Kenneth Corfield, the council's chairman, pointed out that the Manpower Services Commission was spending nearly £1,000m a year and added: "Some of the Government's short-term schemes are not very effective: some parts of the Youth Training Scheme are not very effective. We are looking for a switch of funds to something more suitable and applicable

Union official drops claim for top job

Mr Barry Williams, Merseyside district official of the boilermakers' union, yesterday abandoned his High Court claim for a declaration that he is the union's general secretary.

Mr Justice Whitford was told that Mr Williams had accepted his lawyers' advice and withdrew all allegations of "fraud, bias, and misconduct" in the 1982 ballot for the general secretaryship, which he lost to Mr James Murray.

The judge ordered an inquiry into how Mr Williams obtained legal aid to pursue his abortive action.

Giving up?

Benn has no regrets about party turmoil

From Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent, Chesterfield

In the wake of Mr Denis Healey's fulsome by-election endorsement in Chesterfield on Monday night, Mr Tony Benn has said that he had no regrets about his deputy leadership challenge of 1981 or the ensuing turmoil.

Asked on Tuesday whether he had mended his ways, he said: "My honest opinion is that the work we did in the party over the last four years gave us a good policy and a good leadership.

"If the party is strong now, I think it is because over that period we went through a renewal and we lost some of the Tories we had in the party.

"If you see a strong party on Thursday, it will be in part a reflection of the fact that we had the sense to discuss our position after 11 years in office and there were a lot of lessons to be learnt."

As a commentary on Mr Benn, Lord Whitelaw of Penrith said at an eve-of-poll press conference in Chestrfield yesterday: "If that is what he thinks, he can think anything.

"I would of thought that nobody had done more to create turmoil in the Labour Party at that time.

"I think probably many of his colleagues in Parliament at that time will feel that he did the Labour Party great damage in the period leading up to the election.

"Of course, when they came to the election they were in a shambles and that contributed, along with our sensible approach, to our very substantial majority. He had a considerable part in that."

Mr Roy Jenkins, speaking at a press conference in support of Mr Max Payne, the Liberal-Alliance candidate, said of Mr Benn's remarks: "That, I think, will strike a chill into the hearts of a great number of people.

"If he has no regrets, there must be an awful lot of people in the Labour Party who have regrets about the state to which he has helped, and played a major role, in reducing the Labour Party."

Lord Whitelaw, who was in Chesterfield to support Mr Nick Bourne, the Conservative candidate, said he regretted Mr Edward Heath's abstention in Monday's Commons vote on the Government Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham – an abstention which had already been approved by Mr Bourne.

The Leader of the Lords went out of his way, however, to respond to two arguments that had emerged from the controversy.

There was no question of any extension, he said adding: "We are not impugning the loyalty of members of trade unions".

General election result: E. G. Varley (Lab), 23,881; N. Bourne (C), 16,118; M. Payne (L/All) 9,705. Lab maj: 7,763.

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More civil servants fear ban on unions

By Peter Hennessy

Senior civil servants in the Cabinet Office, which houses the Joint Intelligence Organization (JIO) and its assessments staff, are worried that the ban on union membership at the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) could be extended to them.

In an effort to reassure them, Lord Gowrie, the minister responsible for the Civil Service, wrote yesterday to the Cabinet Office branch of the First Division Association, the senior officials' union, saying:

"I can assure you that it is emphatically not the Government's intention to extend the measures applying at GCHQ beyond those agencies whose primary functions are concerned with security and intelligence."

The ambiguity arises over whether the functions of the Cabinet Office's security and intelligence secretariat, the JIO and the assessments staff can be construed as being primarily concerned with security and intelligence.

The Cabinet Office is a prime customer for GCHQ's information. Mr Peter Marychurch, director of GCHQ, attends the regular Wednesday meeting of the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC). GCHQ alternates with other intelligence agencies in providing the committee secretary.

GCHQ officials belong to the intelligence groups which scour the world's trouble spots for information. GCHQ's signals and electronic surveillance make an indispensable contribution to this work.

The groups report to the JIC with summaries for inclusion in the Red Book given to ministers on the Cabinet's Oversea and Defence Committee every Thursday.

Ministers' failure until yesterday to guarantee continued union membership for Cabinet Office officials is disclosed in a letter sent to the Prime inister on Monday by the Cabinet Office branch of the First Division Association.

The letter expresses "the fear and regret of our members at recent developments in connexion with GCHQ".

It said the branch's members had never found that their union loyalty conflicted with their loyalty to the state.

Newspaper owners to sue over day of protest

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Plans for the first legal action as a result of union disruption during Tuesday's day of protest are being drawn up by Fleet Street employers.

No national newspapers appeared in London yesterday because of a 12-hour strike by engineering workers supporting the protests over the union ban at the Government Communications Headquarters. The employers' organization, the Newspaper Publishers Association decided immediately to seek damages for losses caused by the strike.

The precise form of he legal action had not been decided last night because the association was consulting lawyers to establish whether action should be taken against leaders of the engineering workers in Fleet Street or their national union, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

Mr Terence Duffy, the union's president, said he was "disappointed" that his members in Fleet Street had prevented the day of protest being reported in the newspapers.

Officials of his union believe that it will be difficult for newspaper owners to sue the national organization.

The employers, who have said that the losses could run into millions of pounds, are also considering legal action against the National Union of Railwaymen; some of its members at Waterloo and Paddington stations in London struck for 24 hours from Monday evening, preventing the delivery of about two million copies of newspapers by train.

The newspapers which failed to be sent by rail and the number of copies lost were: The Times 58,154; The Daily Telegraph 232,000; The Guardian 69,500; The Sun 657,000; Daily Express 372,000; Daily Mirror 294,000; Daily Mail 291,000; Financial Times 22,000.

GLC votes for night lorry ban

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

In an act of defiance against the Government, the Greater London Council's transport committee voted yesterday for a night and weekend ban on heavy lorries in the capital.

It is bound to heighten further the conflict over the GLC's proposed abolition, and the transfer of London Transport to a separate Government-controlled body.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, said recently that he would not hesitate to use his reserve powers to protect London's economy from any damage such a ban might cause.

The GLC sees the ban as good for its "caring" image, and important in its fight against abolition.

Mr David Wetzel, the committee chairman, said: "Juggernauts represent a major problem. Their unrestricted use creates serious environmental damage to the capital, including much noise to prevent more than 200,000 Londoners from getting a decent night's sleep."

The ban is expected to operate from 9pm to 7am on all lorries over 16½ tonnes within the M25 orbital motorway.

The decision was fiercely criticized last night by Sainsbury, the food retail chain, as "a recipe for chaos, ill conceived, bringing significant loss of jobs and traffic chaos that will pollute London further, harm the environment, and reduce Londoners' living standards.

Industrial fuel prices reduced

Esso and BP Oil have cut the price of their industrial fuel bulk supplies by 1½ per cent because of competition.

The other large oil companies are expected to make similar reductions, bringing down industrial petrol and diesel prices by about 2.3p a gallon

3% rejected

Union leaders yesterday rejected a 3 per cent pay offer for 456,000 teachers in England and Wales. The offer, made at a meeting in London of the Burnham pay negotiating committee, was described by the unions as "insulting".

Runcie wins right of use for 1662 version

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, successfully appealed to the General Synod of the Church of England yesterday to restore to official use some of the services in traditional language which were dropped in 1980.

He said it was "a matter of justice to the Prayer Book lobby" that the so-called Series 1 services, a modified version of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, should again be available for use. It was in official use from 1966 to 1980.

"I would not want to belong to a church which could not carry in its ranks those who have no taste for ecclesiastical debate, those who are not very religious, those who half believe and half don't. For many of these, the poetry and music of the traditional liturgy can express for them the inexpressible, since it does not have to pack its message into the capsule of ideas."

For the past four years parishes wanting the traditional language have had to change to the original 1662 form, which is more difficult to ... or to adopt the modern-language version in the Alternative Service Book.

The synod will today debate the remarriage of divorcees in church after hearing a controversial proposal from the House of Bishops for a new procedure to decide which couples should be allowed a church wedding when one of them has a partner from a previous marriage still living.

No official church figures exist for the present number of clergy who avail themselves of this right, nor how many marriages they perform, and the last estimate made by the church in 1975, was of just under 500 such marriages a year.

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Rate-capping battle rests with Lords'

By Hugh Clayton Local Government Correspondent

Three left-wing leaders of London local authorities pinned their hopes yesterday on the House of Lords as the last hope for protecting councils from rate-capping.

Mr Kenneth Livingstone, leader of the Greater London Council, said at a press conference in County Hall: "The justification for the House of Lords is restraining a dictatorial government".

Mrs Frances Morrell, leader of the Inner London Education Authority, added: "Now is their chance".

Mrs Margaret Hodge, leader of Islington Borough Council and chairman of the Labour-led Association of London Authorities, said that by curtailing debate in the Commons the Government was giving the Lords a greater incentive to oppose rate-capping.

The three leaders were condemning the Goverment's attempt to guillotine discussion about rate capping in the standing committee on the rates Bill. Only four of the 18 clauses have been debated in full in committee and only one of the Conservative majority on the committee has voted against the Government.

The guillotine motion would curtail debate about the general power to fix ceilings on the rates of all councils. All debate in the committee so far has been ab... the more limited and ... power to cap the ra...

"We know that the ... objection of many of their ow... backbenchers is the general power", Mr Livingstone said.

● Essex County Council faces a government "fine" of more than £7m for overspending this year. Ministers had given it a spending target of £473m against an official costs assessment of £497m. The council, which has budgeted to spend £480m, was commended by ministers last year for its efficiency.

City's leaders pin cash hopes on May polls

By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent

Liverpool's left-wing Labour leaders are hoping to use the May council elections to boost their plan for high spending without a rise in rates.

"We are going to the electorate on our manifesto promises of no rent or rate rises and on our promises not to betray them", Mr Tony Byrne, one of the inner group of council leaders and chairman of the finance committee said

Independent observers of the city's convoluted politics bear out his prediction of an increase in the number of Labour councillors at the election. One third or 33, of the council's seats are being contested, and Labour, which holds ten, could easily add five or six.

Privately, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, although he has no fears for the city's governability, must hope that today's presentation by Liverpool Liberals of a budgetary alternative to Labour's will restore the party's fortunes

Mr Byrne confirmed yesterday that nothing would alter Labour's determination to stick to its announced plan.

Sale room

Portrait's surprise price signals return to fashion

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

"Portraits are coming back into fashion" was the message from Sotheby's yesterday after the painting of a boy by a little-known Regency artist, Michael Keeling, quintupled its estimate to reach £5,280.

The boy, Thomas Carlton Whitmore (1807-1865), is shown kneeling by a massive pillar holding a kitten, with a spaniel beside him. It is a pretty, decorative picture but Sotheby's had thought £1,000 a good price because it is unframed and damaged. The buyer was Mr B. A. Wright, a Bath dealer.

Mr James Miller, the director in charge of Sotheby's British picture department, said afterwards that families were buying back their portraits. They were having portraits painted again, reviving an interest in the genre.

Other high prices for portraits included £5,280 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) for a handsome full-length of Lord Cobham in Garter robes, dated 1602, by Marcus Geeraerts the Younger, and £2,640 (estimate £500 to £800) for a pretty little half-length of a seventeenth-century lady Miss Spurrell, of Bessingham Manor, Norfolk, attributed to Theodore Roussell.

On Tuesday Sotheby's scored an astonishing record price for an item included in a children's book sale. A nineteenth-century toy manufacturer's catalogue sold for £20,350, comfortably beating the £17,600 paid in 1981 for the manuscript of Edward Lear's Book of Nonsense, which included 54 pen drawings by Lear.

The toy catalogue dates from about 1877 and illustrates the toys made by a firm called G. G. Fendler, possibly in Nuremberg. It is in two volumes and contains 175 lithograph plates. Sotheby's had been estimating £2,000 to £3,000.

It came from a collection of juvenilia formed by Coenrad Frederick Van Veen, a Dutch investment banker

Parity as Alliance cuts European cake

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Liberal-Social Democratic Alliance has reached agreement on the sharing of seats between the two parties for the European elections in June, achieving their goal of rough parity.

Of the 78 seats in England, Scotland, and Wales 39 will be "Liberal-led" and 38 "SDP-led" with one, Tyne and Wear, subject to joint selection.

Under the deal both parties will be involved in the joint shortlisting of candidates in most seats, with the leading party going on to make the selection. In practice, however, in several areas where cooperation is closer there will be other cases of de facto joint selection.

The Alliance's prospects of winning seats are not great. The best prospect is Highlands and Islands, which will be fought by the Liberals; the next best is probably the Lothians which will be fought by the SDP. The Liberals also have high hopes of Northumberland.

The Alliance will this week be launching a document *Working Together For a Better Europe* setting out the themes that will form the basis of its European manifesto.

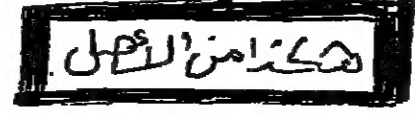
The full list of seat allocations is:

Liberal-led: Northumberland, Suffolk, Lincolnshire, Nottingham, Hereford and Worcester, Shropshire, and Stafford, Midlands West, Merseyside West, Essex South West, West Sussex, Hampshire East and Isle of Wight, Thames Valley, Bedford South, Manchester Central, East Lancashire, Cumbria, Leeds, Sheffield, Yorkshire South-West, South Scotland, Strathclyde East, Glasgow Highlands and Islands, South Wales, Mid and West Wales, Somerset and Dorset West, Dorset East and New Forest, Cotswold, Wiltshire, Devon, Kent West, Durham, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire North, London North-West, London North, London Nort-East, London South and South-East, London South-West, London South-East.

SDP-led: Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Manchester East, Manchester West, Lancashire Central, Cheshire West, Cheshire East, Merseyside East, Birmingham East, Birmingham West, Midlands Central, Staffordshire East, Norfolk, Strathclyde West, Lothian, Mid Scotland, North East Scotland, South East Wales, North Wales, Cleveland North, Yorkshire, Essex North West, Hertfordshire, Oxon and Bucks, Hampshire West, Surrey West, Sussex East, York, Yorkshire South, Yorkshire West, Humberside, Plymouth and Cornwall, Bristol, Kent East, London West, London Central, London Inner South.

Joint selection: Tyne and Wear.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 850 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 50; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100



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Pop music tycoon hopes to beat Americans in cut-price air travel

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

An aspirant for the mantle of Sir Freddie Laker emerged yesterday in the shape of a pop music millionaire who hopes to undercut the American People Express with a cut price full meals air service to New York in June.

Richard Branson, aged 33, owner of the £100m Virgin Records group, has spent more than £1m for a controlling interest in British Atlantic Airways, whose application to offer the service will be heard by the Civil Aviation Authority today.

Mr Branson offered a £99 fare yesterday, but a war of words broke out last night when British Caledonian hit back with proposals for a £50 fare from Gatwick to New York next year, and said the CAA would be taking a "monumental risk" by licensing Virgin Atlantic on the route. B-Cal, which has held a licence but failed to operate to New York for nearly a decade, will strongly oppose the Branson application.

Later Mr Branson threatened to cut some of his prices to £49.

The B-Cal £50 fare will be a new "super-tourist" rate for up to 100 seats at the back end of a four-class Boeing 747 operating daily for B-Cal from Gatwick to Kennedy next year. The rest of the seats in first, executive and standard tourist classes will be sold at normal rates. The £50 seats will be bookable on a first-come-first-served basis.

Mr Alastair Pugh, B-Cal managing director, said there was a sad history of British independent airline failures, with B-Cal the only survivor operating international passenger services. B-Cal valued competition but the question was which company should represent Britain on this crucial route, providing the most professional standard of service and fares.

But, bizarre as it may seem to old hands in aviation, the Branson application has a chance of success because the Government is keen on competition, because it is American airlines which seem to be providing that competition and winning a majority share on the Atlantic, and because Mr Branson, a self-confessed ingenue in aviation, seems prepared to supply the financial stability and technical expertise the CAA will require.

Tickets for his service, if the licence is granted, will be sold through Virgin's record shops as well as through the travel trade, and Mr Branson promises something different in the way of airborne entertainment: video films in one part of Virgin Atlantic's chartered Boeing 747, feature films in another, and peace and quiet in a third.

Mr Branson expects to carry 200,000 passengers a year at £99 for an initial fortnight, £119 through the summer and £110 in the winter. He thinks he can undercut People Express, which charges £102, shortly to rise to £110 without meals or baggage, because he can charter a 747 more cheaply now, and because he thinks the American airline is becoming less competitive.

He hopes to start the service, with British management and crew, from Gatwick in mid-June, with daily flights carrying up to 480 people.

Mr Branson, the son of a lawyer and a former air hostess, was educated at Stowe. He started his career by founding a student magazine, went into merchant banking, then into record shops, videos, and pop groups, among whom he controls Culture Club, Mike Oldfield and Heaven Seventeen.



Save our roses, MEP says

By Tony Samstag

Mr Madron Seligman (above), a member of the European Parliament in Strasbourg, who says that the English rose is rapidly becoming an endangered species.

Mr Seligman, Conservative MEP for West Sussex, says that only the Parliament an save the English rose and wants the EEC Council of Ministers to adopt as a matter of urgency proposals published last month by the European Commission allowing temporary import barriers when imports of roses or carnations are at their peak.

So overwhelming were imports of roses and carnations from non-member countries, such as Israel, Kenya, and Colombia, that fewer than three cut flowers in every ten sold in Britain were grown here.

"Due to the decline of the English rose it was Israeli roses that wooed the hearts of romantics on February 14," Mr Seligman said. (Photograph Suresh Karadia.)

Two jailed on $7m computer bank fraud

Two men were jailed yesterday for their part in a bank swindle which almost made them millionaires overnight. But they were caught because of the computer's memory. Colin Howard, aged 51 a company director of Transept Street, Camden Town, north London was jailed for seven years and Laurence Tomsett, aged 32, a Telex operator, of Clapham Common south London, for five years.

Mr Colin Hart-Leverton, QC for the prosecution, told the Central Criminal Court that it was a brilliant plot that was immaculately timed.

Tomsett, working at the Credit Suisse First Boston Bank in Bishopsgate, London, diverted $7m (about £4,760,000) by telex to Howard's personal bank account in Geneva via a bank in New York.

It was timed so that Howard would withraw the money in cash from the Swiss bank on America's Thanksgiving Day.

Banks in London and Geneva were working on November 25, 1982, and they could not check with holidaying bank staff in New York

Both men were convicted of conspiracy to steal, falsifying accounting documents, and interfering with a computer to deceive the Morgan-Quaranty Trust Bank. They pleaded guilty.

Advice on ways to keep tax bills low

By Kenneth Gosling

With less than a fortnight to Budget Day some useful tax-saving hints are published today by *Which?*, the magazine of the Consumers' Association.

The annual guide, which warns of the dangers of concealing information from the taxman, advances legitimate ways of keeping tax bills to a minimum.

For example, if a husband and wife each earn the same amount, but one has to give up work to look after the children, it is preferable for the wife to remain in employment.

This, the guide says is because if the husband is the sole breadwinner he is entitled to the married man's personal allowance of £2,795, but does not qualify for the wife's earned income allowance. But if the wife is the sole breadwinner both her earned income allowance of £1,785 and his allowance can be set against her earnings, a total of £4,580. It can mean up to £535.50 extra if they pay tax at the basic rate.

On how to claim a rebate, the guide advises claimants to persist even if the taxman's initial reply is less than hopeful.

The *Which? Tax-Saving Guide* is available on subscription to the Consumers' Association.

Tomcat stays behind bars

The ginger tomcat at the centre of a Crown court case will have to remain behind bars for the time being, a court decided yesterday. The cat will stay with a veterinary surgeon until his ownership is settled.

A jury at Snaresbrook Crown Court, north-east London, yesterday acquitted Monty Cohen, aged 57, unemployed of stealing the cat from Police Constable John Sewell an his wife Anna.

But it found Cohen, of Thurlby Close, Woodford Bridge, Essex guilty of assaulting PC Sewell, causing him actual bodily harm, last September after a dispute over the cat.

Judge Worthington adjourned sentence after hearing that there was an outstanding charge of criminal damage against Cohen.

PC Sewell had said the cat was called Marmaduke Gingerbits, but Cohen said it was his pet called Sunny.

The Sewells' cat disappeared while they were on holiday

Masculine image analysed

By Robin Young

Men are every bit as diverse and contradictory as women. That was the conclusion of an advertising agency after interviews with 1,000 men to explore the relationship between their personalities and the products they buy.

McCann-Erickson, whose clients include Esso, Coca-Cola, the Post Office and Woolworth, found that British men are less confident than they were, less certain about the meaning of masculinity, and more likely to do the supermarket shopping.

A third claimed to believe in equal rights for women but a fifth complained that modern women had become too aggressive.

Men of each of the eight types McCann claims to have identified have a common image of their approach to life, sadly different in most cases from the reality.

Thus, those who think men should dominate women as James Bond did tend in fact to be Stan Laurel-like creatures who endure domination by others.

Other groups identified include narcissitic action men who wear Aramis aftershave and carry American Express cards, pontificators who claim high moral standards and buy products whose advertising *implies* self-discipline and success-motivated men who dab themselves with Denim and drink Carling Black Label.

Mystery over death of ex-Soviet agent

By Kenneth Gosling

The facts behind a former Soviet agent's death remained as unclear yesterday as the murky waters of the London pond in which his body was found floating in January, a month after he vanished from a mental hospital in Epsom, Surrey.

Mr Boris Hatton, formerly Baklanov, a former assassin with SMERSH, part of Soviet wartime military intelligence, may have committed suicide or he may have been murdered.

Dr Paul Knapman, the coroner at a Westminster inquest, recorded an open verdict, saying "It is not impossible that there may be other sinister factors in view of his past".

Mr Hatton, aged 59, the son of prominent Soviet Communist Party member between the wars, had been a strong swimmer and never spoke of suicide, the court was told.

His son Phillip, an accountant, of Westerham, Kent, said that his father defected after the Second World War because SMERSH, wanted him to assassinate dissidents against Communism which his conscience would not allow. For 10 years he worked as a researcher at *The Daily Telegraph*.

Police Constable Nicholas Lill who found Mr Hatton, floating fully clothed in the pond at Wimbledon Common, south London said that the water was shallow for 30 ft from the bank and only nine ft deep in the middle. In his experience, drowning suicides would take off their shoes and socks first.

A pathologist told the court that death was caused by drowning; the body bore no injuries and there was no evidence of drugs.

The Soviet Embassy in London had no comment on the case yesterday.

Room that lets the dog out

The Government unveiled the world's first "talking room" yesterday. At a spoken command it can make the tea, draw the curtains, and even open the door to let the dog out (David Nicholson-Lord writes).

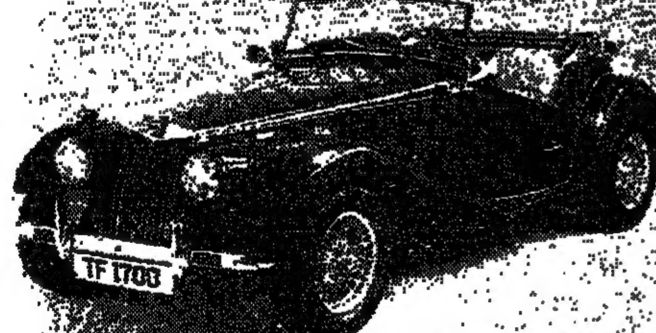
Developed by a Cambridge company, it will let the dog in again, by recognizing its bark.

It can maintain a moderate conversation, control anything electrically operated and serve as a household drone, issuing reminders about unpaid bills and shopping lists.

Known as VADAS (voice activated domestic appliance system) it was demonstrated in London yesterday.

It was designed primarily for the disabled, but with the indolent in mind. Its components, including a microcomputer, can be tucked away in a space the size of a briefcase.

Return in replica



One of Britain's best loved sports cars, the MG TF of 1955 is making a comeback in replica from a new factory at Bradford, West Yorkshire. The Naylor TF 1700 – the MG name still belongs to BL – has been developed by Naylor Bros, leading MG restoration specialists.

Fitted with the modern "O" series 1700cc Austin Rover engine, coil spring suspension, and disc brakes, the Naylor TF goes into production in May after two years of prototype testing. It will cost £12,950, but with output restricted to only 200 a year there should be plenty of buyers.

Launch day for Survey satellite

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

At six o'clock this evening an American Delta rocket will be launched from California carrying the satellite belonging to Surrey University which was built in a record-breaking five months.

Seventy-one minutes after leaving the western Test Range at Vandenburg, when it is in position over Istanbul, the space craft, UOSAT-2, will go into its first orbit. The satellite is meant to orbit the Earth every 98 minutes at a height of 435 miles.

It is the second satellite built by the university, both being launched by the United States' National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The first was put into orbit in October, 1981.

Several novel experiments will be conducted by the Surrey satellite, including electronic mail, the measurement of interstellar dust, and the transmission of synthesized voice messages.

● The Director General of the BBC, Mr Alasdair Milne, has accused those interested in promoting a rival satellite system of being an important source of criticism of the corporation's £350m direct broadcasting satellite television project.

Surgeon 'would never guarantee success'

A surgeon who performed a vasectomy which reversed itself told a High Court judge yesterday that he would never guarantee the total success of such an operation. New channels could form between the ends of the severed ducts.

Mr Brian Maurice, of Rotherfield, East Sussex, is denying an action brought by a couple who had their sixth child three years after the husband's vasectomy. Mr Donald Thake, a British Rail guard aged 45, and his wife Patricia, aged 44, claim that Mr Maurice did not warn them that the operation might fail.

Mr Maurice says he did warn them.

Even if he had failed to warn the couple, Mrs Thake – "a caring, motherly lady" – should have recognized the symptoms of preganancy, he said. He agreed that it was possible that she thought the symptoms were the onset of the menopause.

Move to stop degree marks disclosure

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Universities are anxious to stop students seeing the "raw" marks they receive in examinations, which they would have the right to do if the Data Protection Bill becomes law.

They have written to all MPs on the standing committee to try to prevent it happening.

At present students receive a grade at the end of a degree course but do not know what marks that grade was based on. Often grades will be adjusted to reflect a difficult examination paper or a tough examiner so, on the face of it, the grade may not represent the mark.

In a letter to MPs on the committee examining the Bill, Mr Brian Taylor, secretary-general of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, says that other factors are taken into account by examiners' boards when determining final grades.

A student's performance during the course would often be looked at in awarding a final grade, as would personal difficulties, such as an illness.

"The introduction of a system whereby the initial data considered by boards of examiners would be made public before any reconcilation process had taken place would not only lead to confusion on the part of the individual student but would also undermine the authority of examiners' boards", Mr Taylor adds.

He explains that the vice-chancellors' committee has lobbied the Government for a limited exemption for "raw" examination marks. That has been rejected but the Government says it will consider any amendent to that effect

Mr Taylor adds that the universities favour the overall aims of the Bill.

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Jaguar cars to go private as soon as possible

INDUSTRY

Decisions over proposals for the privatization of the Jaguar car company will be announced as soon as possible Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during Commons question time. At present he ws considering the board's 1984 corporate plan which included suggestions for the first step towards the return of the business to ownership by the public.

Mr Neil Hamilton (Tatton, C) who had raised the issue, said: The excellent performance of this company makes it an attractive candidate for privatization and the taxpayers' interest in this matter is a factor for getting money out in the best terms possible and the experience of other nationalized industries so far shows we ought to take the money and run.

Mr Tebbit: Certainly I am anxious to see this company returned to true ownership by the public and I shall be bound to bear in mind when I am arranging that matter, the best interests not only of the taxpayer, but of Jaguar and BL.

Sir William van Straubenzee (Wokingham, C): Will he make quite clear this is an absolute commitment to the handing to the private sector of this great company and will he bear in mind the lesson of the National Freight Corporation when it comes to the participation in shareholding of those who work in the company?

Mr Tebbit: Certainly, as with all measures of privatization, we shall do our best to make sure there are attractive terms for the workers in the company.

I am afraid is is likely that it would be too big an operation for a management and worker buy-out which would be more likely to have an adverse effect on the company's balance sheet in relation to the borrowings that would be required.

Mr George Park (Coventry North East, Lab): Although Jaguar has established its own identity, it is interdependent on the rest of BL. If Jaguar goes to someone who has their own means of producing components away from BL there would be a repercussive effect which could affect the possible future of BL.

Mr Tebbit: I will bear in mind all these considerations in reachng my conclusions.

Mr Geoffrey Robinson (Coventry North West, Lab): He will understand the need for long-term capital for Jaguar which will be way beyond management buy-out provisions.

Will he also bear in mind the need for long-term access to research and development which could be provided by BL and could he give an assurance that he has not ruled out the idea of BL retaining a large or minority stake in Jaguar?

Mr Tebbit: I understand the need for a company such as Jaguar to have some degree of access to outside research and development facilities as many companies do. I note his comment about BL.



Robinson: Will BL keep stake in Jaguar?

Mr Stuart Randall (Hull West, Lab): The sale of Jaguar could have a serious impact on BL's ability to remain in the high-volume low-margin car manufacturing business and this could have a serious effect on jobs in Britain.

Mr Tebbit: That is not a matter which I think has a bearing on the sale of Jaguar, or indeed the view of the board

Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry: It would be manifest nonsense and a weakening both of BL as a whole and of Jaguar if it was separated off and privatized in the way some Conservative MPs are suggesting.

Can I ask that before he comes to any decision he will look not merely at the prospects of capital expenditure, but where that money may come from at present? Would he also look at the history when Jaguar was under private ownership and voluntarily merged with BMC in private ownership in order to give it strength to survive?

Mr Tebbit: I certainly will, and he will recollect it did not work out too well.

Rate capping Bill must be law by summer

TIMETABLE

The Rates Bill – which introduces the system of rate capping – was of great importance to millions of ratepayers and a central part of the Government's programme, **Mr John Biffen**, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, said when moving the imposition of a guillotine motion on its further proceedings in the Commons.

The motion provides for the standing committee stage to be completed by March 20 with two days on the floor of the house for the report stage and third reading, the first day extending until midnight.

He said the Government wanted the Bill which restrained local government spending and held down the rates of the highest spending local authorities, completed before the summer recess. To give time for it to be properly examined in the Lords, the Commons must complete its consideration in time for the measure to have its second reading in the Lords before Easter.

After 80 hours of debate the standing committee had managed to complete only six clauses. The committee had taken 18 hours to deal with Clause 1, 35 hours on Clause 2 and another 18 hours on Clause 3.

The highest spending authorities must be identified and formally designated. In fairness to the authorities, spending levels must be set early enough in the year to allow them time to make the necessary plans.

Arrangements must be made to achieve the required savings or to make representations to the Government if a higher figure was necessary. Then the expenditure figure must be translated into a rate poundage figure and time given for Parliament to debate that figure before the authority had to make its rate or precept.

All that process could not begin until the legislation was complete. This was why the Bill needed to be finished before the summer recess. The intention was that the measure should be available in readiness for rates to be set for 1985-86, the financial year after the one starting in the coming April.

There had been four years of effort to counter the growth in local government spending. Exhortation and general pressure through the rate support grant had not had the desired effect on all authorities. The Government had had to invent new procedures, including the Local Government Finance Act 1982, to restrain higher spending.

These attempts had eventually secured a fair measure of success with most authorities. In 1983-84, 80 per cent of all authorities were spending at or close to the targets set for them. But there was still an overspending of £770m in the current financial year. Three-quarters of that was accounted for by 16 authorities.

Mr Peter Shore, Opposition spokesman on House of Commons affairs, said it was an odious and offensive Bill made doubly odious by the Government's decision to guillotine its further progress, and particularly at this stage.

Chapman: A charade or even a farce.

This guillotine was self-evidently objectionable because it concerned a quasi-consitutional Bill. Rate-capping was a giant step along the road to centralism. From now on it would not be the wishes of local people that prevailed, but Big Brother in Marsham Street. It would only need one more step to abolish local government altogether.

The reason for the guillotine was that it was essential for the Government that they should not reach the part of the Bill giving the Secretary of State the power to rate-cap not just the Labour-dominated so-called inner city over-spenders, but also to rate-cap all local authorities, including the Conservative-controlled counties.

Whitehall did not know better than town hall what was in the best interests of local people in the provision of local services.

This was a rotten Bill. It was an ideological Bill. It was for expressing two things only: the Government's detestation of public expenditure in principle and its total disregard and indifference to the inner cities in particular and local democracy in general.

Mr Sydney Chapman (Chipping Barnet, C) said he feared that what had taken place in the first 80 hours or so of this Bill in the standing committee had been nothing more than acting out a charade or even a farce. There had been an utter sense of déjà vu.

The antics at least called into question parliamentary procedures. At worst they demeaned the purpose of Parliament or the purpose and function of this legislature. The sad result was that it would not be possible to scrutinize the Bill properly.

There should be a voluntary timetable agreed before any Bill went to its standing committee so that there could be adequate time to examine all parts of it.

Mr Colin Moynihan (Lewisham East, C) said it was necessary to establish a timetable in order to see this important and welcome legislation on the statute book with the least delay. Government measures had encouraged councils to control expenditure and make themselves more efficient, but many had used the fact there was no compulsion to allow expenditure to grow unchecked.

Mr Michael Meadowcroft (Leeds West, L) said the Bill was based on the false premise that the electorate was apparently incapable of exercising judgment at the ballot box on the affairs of local government.

Whenever Conservative MPs referred to rate rises, they conveniently forgot that rate rises had been high because of the reduction in the grant made available to local government.

The Government was culpable in not having a timetable on the Bill from the first day. All Bills should be dealt with in this way, and all parties should be involved in the procedure to avoid parts of Bills not being discussed at all.

This motion would not allow adequate debate of the remaining clauses. Yet the Bill was most important and significant for the country's democratic health and structure.

Mr John Heddle (Staffordshire Mid, C) said the Bill would have been a classic candidate for taking evidence and opinions from those experienced in local matters, both of the executive and elected councils, before the committee began its work.

Labour MPs were wrong in saying there was wholesale opposition throughout local government to the Bill, which sought to protect the hard-pressed ratepayers in cities like Liverpool.

Mr Allan Roberts (Bootle, Lab) said that the general powers were in the Bill because the Treasury wanted them not because Mr Jenkin the Secretary of State for Environment wanted them.

The legislation was going to put local authorities into a situation where some would have to choose between breaking the rating law and breaking other statute law.

The motion was carried by 33 votes to 196 – Government majority, 137.

Secondary action justifies decision

Secondary action that day by the trade unions was further justification of the Government's decision to ban union membership at the Government Communications Headquarters, Cheltenham, **Mrs Margaret Thatcher**, the Prime Minister, said when answering questions in the Commons on Tuesday about the dispute.

She indicated she saw no point in having a third meeting with the unions and in reply to Mr Merlyn Rees, the former Labour Home Secretary, she explained she wanted continued cooperation of the TUC with the Government.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: On the subject of GCHQ, does not Mrs Thatcher agree that refusal to accept money in exchange for the loss of personal liberties is to be applauded?

Mrs Thatcher: It is a matter of personal choice. (Labour interruptions) If we were not prepared to give compensation for rights which are lost, I believe we would have rendered ourselves open to criticism.

Commentary

Geoffrey Smith

Mr Denis Healey never ceases to astonish. On Monday evening he was given the most delicate assignment of the Chesterfield by-election: to demonstrate the new unity of the Labour Party by showing that he and Mr Tony Benn are brothers-in-arms.

Throughout the campaign, the only serious challenge to Mr Benn has come from the Liberals. Only they could defeat him, and to do so they needed to convince many doubtful voters that he is just too extreme a politician to represent Chesterfield. But Mr Benn has presented a baffling target for the Liberals.

One of the mistakes that his opponents so often make is to assume that because so many people find his views outrageous, they will be equally outraged by his method of presenting them. That is not so.

He has fought an accomplished campaign, aided, it must be said, by the foolishness of the Liberals in avoiding for most of the time joint meetings with the other candidates. They obviously feared that their candidate, Mr Max Payne, would have been destroyed in debate with Mr Benn at an earlier stage in the campaign.

That, I suspect, does Mr Payne an injustice. Hearing him on the platform and on the doorstep, he is a better performer than I had expected. Keeping him under wraps simply strengthens the impression of Mr Benn as the most formidable candidate.

Illusion of cameraderie

But it has still been an essential part of Mr Benn's strategy to present himself as the representative of his party, not an alarming figure of the Left. That is why Mr Healey's mission was critical. Who better to show that Mr Benn is no longer a cause of strife in the party than the man whom Mr Benn once so nearly toppled from the deputy leadership? But, after all the conflicts between them, how could Mr Healey jump through this hoop without making an ass of himself?

His response to the challenge will linger in the memory for its wit, audacity, and a kind of rollicking insincerity. "Tony- . . . well, we've been inseparable . . . Tony without Denis would seem like Torvill without Dean." How better to provide the necesary illusion of cameraderie without actually saying a word in direct personal praise of Mr Benn?

It was not a fastidious performance because Mr Healey was throwing the cloak of his approval with every appearance of relish over a politician with whom he had bitter and fundamental disagreements. But then Mr Healey is not a fastidious politician.

This was the performance of an old political pro, with his full measure of cynicism, who had decided that if a message or reconciliation had to be delivered, it had better be done with some panache. As an old political entertainer he did it well, but he was careful to do it without offering any concession on substance.

'Vindication' of Left-wing policies

This raises the critical question: reconciliation on whose terms? Mr Healey spoke as if he took it for granted that it would be on his terms. In calling for a massive majority for Mr Benn today, Mr Healey declared that Mr Benn "is going to join the solid, loyal, united band behind Neil Kinnock". Listening to Mr Benn one wondered.

As he scents victory, he seems to be preparing the ground for the claim that it is after all his policies which will have been endorsed by the people of Chesterfield. "The people", he told that same meeting on Monday evening, "demand the policies that Labour put before the electorate . . . The policies of the manifesto are coming back at us from the people of this town."

He added the following morning: "When people say this has been a very different mood of Mr Benn's . . . I think what people are discovering is that the arguments we have been putting forward all along are very reasonable."

This looks as if he will interpret victory, especially if it is a sweeping victory, as a vindication of the left-wing policies on which Labour fought the general election. Chesterfield is to be regarded as a court of appeal against the verdict pronounced by the wider jury of the national electorate last June.

Committee chairman criticized

OMAN CONTRACT

Mr Brian Sedgemore (Hackney South and Shoreditch, Lab) criticized the conduct of Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, (Wealdon, C), chairman of the Select Committee on Members' Interest, for commenting on the radio about Mrs Thatcher's involvement in the Oman university contract.

Raising the issue on a point of order, Mr Sedgemore said some two weeks ago various MPs lodged complaints with the select committee concerning the Prime Minister's conduct concerning the contract in Oman.

Last Saturday (he said) on *The Week in Westminster* the chairman of the select committee took part in a broadcast throughout which he spoke about Mrs Thatcher's dealings in Oman and spoke, in effect, about her innocence.

Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith had said Mrs Thatcher had in no way committed misconduct or broken any rules and said it was merely a mother trying to defend her son.

In my respectful submission, it is difficult to conceive a greater contempt of the House than that the chairman of a select committee conducting a sensitive inquiry should in fact seek to preempt the issues.

The Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, intervened to say this was a matter Mr Sedgemore should raise on a motion.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab), in a further point of order, said there was a precedent. In 1967 (he said) for having talked too freely on a select committee report, the question was raised of breach of privilege. As a result of talking to *The Observer* in the case of Porton Down, and Mr Lawrence Marks, it was automatically raised on the floor of the House as a question of privilege.

Can we ask for your guidance, possibly in a statement tomorrow, whether the astonishing broadcast on Saturday morning does constitute a flagant breach of privilege ol this House?

Mr Speaker King was quick enough on the draw in those days (1967) and we would like to know what has changed.

The Speaker: I remember the incident well. If he considers it as a matter of privilage he should raise it in the usual way by writing to me.

● **Mr Peter Shore**, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, asked the Prime Minister, on what date in 1981 she first learned of Cementation's interest in the Oman University contract, and on what date she first learned of Mr Mark Thatcher's financial interest in the Cementation negotiation for the Oman contract.

Mrs Thatcher, in a written reply, said: There is no record. But in any case I have made it absolutely clear that during my visit to Oman I raised Britain's general interest in all aspects of the university project – consultancy, construction, and academic.

I did not raise the interest of Cementation or of any other company which at that stage could have been interested in securing the right to negotiate on any aspect of the project.

Protesters force out Archway inspector

PLANNING

Sir Michael Giddings, the inspector conducting the public inquiry into the major road improvement scheme at Archway in north London has resigned because of harassment of him and his family, **Mr Nicholas Ridley**, Secretary of State for Transport, announced in a statement to the Commons on Tuesday. A fresh inquiry is to be set up as soon as possible.

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on transport, condemned the harassment on behalf of his party.

Mr Ridley said: I very much regret to have to tell this House that Sir Michael Giddings, the inspector nominated by the Lord Chancellor and appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment and myself has withdrawn. This was as a result of the harassment he and his family has undergone.

In his letter of resignation he describes how for several months he has been plagued with telephone calls, how callers have sought various means of speaking to his wife, the receipt of hundreds of letters at his private home, some addressed to his wife, two deputations at the house over Christmas, the receipt of a parcel of excreta, trespassers in his garden and the breaking of a window.

The police have been in regular touch and have taken the special steps sought by him in relation to his home. He has told me that while he has no doubt that he could carry the inquiry through he is not prepared to see his wife further distressed or alarmed. He therefore feels he must withdraw.

The Government totally condemns such tactics of intimidation and domestic harassment. They are clearly intended to subvert the statutory processes established by Parliament to protect the interests of the public. In 1978 when announcing the abandonment of the previous Archway inquiry my predecessor likewise had to tell the House that it had been subjected to a campaign of disruption.

The object of any inquiry is to provide a full and fair hearing of all the arguments in the case at issue, and behaviour designed to suppress this is an attack on the rights of the community as a whole.

a new inquiry will be set up as soon as possible with a new inspector nominated by the Lord Chancellor. He has in mind nominating a senior lawyer. Tactics of harassment to prevent a proper hearing of the issues at stake will not be allowed to prevail.

Setting up a fresh inquiry means that the time and money of many people will have been wasted as a result of these actions by the few. I have conveyed to Sir Michael Giddings my deep regret at the personal attacks on himself and his family that they have had to endure.

Mr John Prescott, We offer our full condemnation of such incidents of harassment on a public servant carrying out his duty and our sympathy for the distress caused to his wife. I agree the object of any inquiry is to provide a full and fair hearing of all arguments in the case at issue.

This inquiry will be the fourth or fifth since 1971 which has been abandoned by different administrations because of the controversy and the opposition by residents and local authorities, both Tory and Labour, because of the refusal of the Department of Transport in different administrations to make available to inspectors, including Sir Michael Giddings, the 1971 consultants' report commissioned by the Department of Transport, into the environmental effect of this road improvement scheme?

Does he recognize that by refusing such legitimate information he will again be committing a controversial act and will he reconsider his position?

Would he accept the time is right for a fresh start by this new inquiry by all concerned including the Department of Transport? Would he agree to commission a new consultants' report into the effects of this scheme of the M25 and the GLC lorry ban and make it available to the new inquiry?

Mr Ridley: The history of this matter leaves one in doubt whether it is possible for the public to be able to express their views about what is a controversial matter.

He raised the point about the opening of the M25 but this is a matter for the future inquiry to consider. I will see the new inquiry starts with the fullest information before it, but that is not the point of my statement, and he has agreed this sort of harassment is deplorable and ought not to happen.

Sir Hugh Rossi (Hornsey and Wood Green, C): The vast majority of my constituents who are affected by the scheme deplore and condemn the disgraceful behaviour of an unrepresentative group and would wish me to express their deepest regrets to the distinguished inspector and his wife for the harassment, humiliation and indignities they have had to endure for many months and wish them well in the future.

Would he confirm that other inspectors have been forced to retire from an inquiry into the Archway Road in very similar circumstances?

Is not this intimidation of those acting in a quasi-judicial capacity an attempt to obstruct the course of justice and prevent open and free discussions on issues of public importance?

Would he ensure the full rigours of the law will be brought to bear on those responsible for these acts?

Mr Ridley: The first inspector retired through ill health after only



Rossi: Open discussion being prevented.

two weeks during which there had been about seven days sitting during which there were various disruptions.

In 1977 there were again many disruptions with people having to be carried out by police for abuse and disobedience of the inspector. There were a series of letters and telephone calls to the inspector's home and false advertisements were placed in newspapers offering for sale his home and car. A delivery of manure was made to his home.

That inquiry was adjourned while further evidence was prepared and then the Secretary of State decided to abandon the inquiry to allow other solutions to be considered.

I can give an assurance that in future we will not allow anybody to obstruct the full and fair conduct of a public inquiry and that the full rigour of the law will be applied for the protection of such inquiries.

Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP): Given the long history of disruption and intimidation, can he guarantee any future inquiry will not be subjected to the same sort of tactics?

Mr Ridley: I believe measures can be taken which include changing telephone numbers, checking mail, recording telephone calls, and the physical presence of police on premises if necessary. As soon as the new inspector is appointed discussion will be held with him about the arrangements he would like and these will be acted on from the start.

Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North, Lab) said that on the final day of the inquiry the inspector had made no reference, as he gave his reasons for adjourning, to behaviour at the inquiry or outside his house. He had adjourned because he felt the effects of the M25 motorway on north London should be measured and because there was united local opposition to the withholding of information by the Department of Transport which had been ordered in 1977 to release it. It has still been refused seven years later.

Throughout north London, not just in Hornsey and Wood Green but in Finchley, Islington, both north and south, there is opposition to the principle of building a large motorway which can only bring more traffic in its wake. Many MPs are disturbed by his remark about the future conduct of motorway public inquiries.

Mr Ridley replied that Mr Corbyn was the only MP involved today who had not seen fit to condemn the harassment and intimidation and personal attacks on Sir Michael Giddings.

He knew from his letter of retirement that it was caused by the harassment of him and his wife.

He (Mr Ridley) would produce the necessary figures on the traffic change due to the opening of the M25 and also other matters that Sir Michael required to be produced.

Mr Ian Twinn (Edmonton, C) said the disgraceful behaviour of objectors had not only caused inconvenience but meant great costs for voluntary groups which had been active at the inquiry and had been seriously disadvantaged.

Mr Ridley said he was sorry that people who had been put to time and trouble in putting their case at the inquiry would have to try to do so again. Normal rules of costs would apply, and letters to individual objectors had explained the details because where abortive expense had been incurred it was reimbursible.

Observers going to El Salvador

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government would send two official observers to the presidential elections in El Salvador on March 25, **Lady Young**, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the House of Lords during a debate on foreign affairs and disarmament talks.

Lady Young said the El Salvador Government had invited Britain to send official observers. It had decided to send Sir James Swaffield and Mr David Browning.

It had been made clear (she added) that they were to draw their own conclusions as a result of their experience there.

During the debate, she also said Britain needed to establish a more direct contact with the Soviet Union to help minimize the dangerous risk of any misunderstanding.

The Government would try to achieve a steady and sustainable progress in disarmament talks. It would be undramatic and Britain had made it clear it was ready to make a start.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Opposition peers, said when he opened the debate that the moment was ripe for a new approach to the problems of East and West.

He hoped commonsense on both sides would take advantage of the new opportunity which the change in Russian leadership presented. The death of Mr Andropov and the accession of Mr Chernenko might not result in any fundamental change of policy but it reduced the tension for a period. There must be improved relations leading to realistic talks if the world's problems were to be tackled.

East and West knew there were no winners in a nuclear war. Both had stockpiles of weapons which could destroy civilization more than 100 times over. The chief task of world leaders was to get together to reverse this grotesque and evil competition.

There was a case for discussions with the Soviet Union about ways of controlling the war in the Middle East and other potential outbreaks in that crucial area. What was required was a positive initiative to restore stability over as much of the Middle East as possible.

Lady Young said the British force which had left Lebanon remained close at hand and no final decision as to its future had been taken.

It remained in the West's interest that stability should be restored in Lebanon. Until this was achieved, there was always the risk that the situation could escalate.

On a recent visit to the Falklands she met nearly a third of the population.

There is no doubt (she said) that the islanders' confidence is fragile.





Brockway: Government's obstructive role.

Many of the leading islanders endorsed our wish to see normal commercial links with Argentina reestablished.

Lord Mayhew (L) said the Americans had misjudged the Soviet Union's response to the deployment of cruise missiles in Europe.

During his visit to Moscow with Mr David Steele, leader of the Liberal Party, it had been suggested that parliamentarians from seven western European countries should have talks with their counterparts from seven Warsaw Pact countries. He hoped Moscow would accept this idea.

The House would have liked to have had from the Opposition spokesman a defence of the Labour Party's disarmament policy, a comment on Mr Kinnock's statement that he would in no circumstances authorize the firing of nuclear weapons even in retaliation.

Was it right to refuse to use them in any circumstances? If it was right, was it also right to announce this fact publicly in advance? (Cheers) Mr Kinnock had given no thought either to the responsibilities of military command or to the waste of public expenditure involved in building up conventional weapons which could neither deter nor be used effectively.

Lord Brockway (Lab) said his criticism of the Government was that at the disarmament conference at Geneva and at the United Nations it had played an obstructive role. Because of the attitude of British delegations at these conferences, Britain was getting a name im the world for standing against disarmament.

Lord Home of the Hirsel (C) said that for many years they had pursued a formula of mutually balanced and verifiable disarmament. It was the only formula which was equitable and it was Nato policy as well as the policy of the British Government.

There had been no change over the years in the direction of Russian foreign policy. All Russian actions in the context of confrontation and armaments had been totally consistent for 35 years. Their purpose had been, and was, to win within the power structure a balance favourable to the Soviet Union and to create as many options as possible to increase their influence in the world.

He predicted that Russia would return to a disarmament forum but would not commit herself to any action until after the US elections. She would not agree to any scheme which in her judgment could prejudice the invincibility of Russian power. She would not close any of her options for expansion overseas. She would continue to occupy Afghanistan and Czechoslovakia and to preserve her cordon sanitaire.

Three defeats over right to buy

HOUSING BILL

The Government suffered three defeats in the House of Lords on Tuesday, particularly over the issue of the right to buy houses owned by charitable trusts.

In the last Parliament peers rejected this proposition and on Tuesday night on the committee stage of the Housing and Building Control Bill, they carried by 157 votes to 77 – majority against the Government 80 – a Conservative backbench amendment to prevent the right of tenants to buy their homes being exercised where the freeholder was a charitable trust.

This was followed by a majority against the Government of 32 on an amendment to exclude from the right to buy houses adapted for handicapped people and by a defeat by 23 votes on an Opposition amendment designed to prevent elderly people from buying their specially adapted or built council homes.

● **Lord Bellwin**, Minister of State for the Environment, resisted the amendment, moved by the Earl of Kinnoull (C), to exclude the right of tenants to buy their homes being exercised where the freeholder was a charitable trust. He said it would be anomalous to create such an exclusion in the context of the Bill. Existing law safegarded the position of various bodies, including universities.

The Earl of Selkirk (C) said he was disappointed with the minister's flat refusal to consider the position of charities. He was putting charities in a disadvantageous position compared with others. The amendment was close to the welfare of certain charitable associations which deserved the fullest consideration.

● There was a further reverse for the Government when peers carried by 136 votes to 104 – majority against the Government, 32 – an amendment to exclude the right to buy houses which had been altered or adapted for occupation by handicapped persons.

Moving it **Viscount Ingleby** (Ind) said such houses were in short supply. The amendment would keep these dwellings in public ownership for the benefit of future generations of disabled people.

Lord Bellwin, in reply, said a distinction should be drawn between dwellings which were purpose-built for the disabled and those which had simply been adapted. Purpose-built dwellings did not come within the right to buy legislation.

The overwhelming impression the Government had was that many disabled tenants in adapted dwellings were willing to buy and were willing to pay a fair price. The disabled ought not to discriminated aganist.

He proposed on report stage to consider bringing forward an amendment that would give the landlord the right to impose preemptive covenants on the sale of dwellings adapted for the disabled.

The Government suffered its third defeat on an Opposition amendment which would prevent elderly tenants from buying their specially adapted or built council homes. The voting was 113 votes to 90 – majority against the Government, 23.

This came after Lord Bellwin said he was prepared to look at tightening up the present law so that there were special safeguards for the specially adapted homes for the elderly in rural areas.

He also promised to look at the problem of inheritance so that a landlord could buy back a property on the death of a pensioner, rather than let it go to a relative.

Journalists angry over print study

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

A joint study into the possible effects of new technology on the provincial newspaper industry has run into problems before it has started.

Leaders of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) are angry because their members have not been consulted over the research agreed between the National Graphical Association (NGA) and the Newspaper Society.

Mr Michael Smith, the NUJ technology officer, will demand that his union's chapels – office branches – at the five newspapers in the study should be fully involved. NUJ members are likely to be instructed not to cocoperate if there are no guarantees. Mr Smith wants NUJ representation on the committees, which will investigate the source of copy

● The House of Lords is expected to deliver a judgment today upholding a Court of appeal decision that the NUJ has engaged in illegal secondary action in its dispute wih Mr David Dimbleby's newspaper group.

Big cable TV film groups merge

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The main programme providers for the expanding cable television industry have started to merge their operations before they even begin transmission.

Two of the big three premium feature film channels have decided to join forces, and the rival pop music systems are now talking about forming one joint company.

The television industry was particularly surprised by the announcement that Television Entertainment Group – which consists of Goldcrest Films, Columbia Pictures, Twentieth Century Fox, and the American cable network Home Box Office – was to merge

The two rival sports cable channels confirmed for the first time yesterday that they expected to merge within the next fortnight and broadcast their new service next month.

Mr Barrie Gill, head of sport for Cable Sport and Leisure, which is negotiating the merger with Screensport, said: "It is obvious that the size of the market will not support two sports channels in the early stages".

Medical research fear

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Cuts in spending on medical and dental schools have had a serious effect on medical research and the postgraduate training of doctors, according to a survey by the University Hospitals Association and the National Association of Health Authorities (NAHA).

The schools had 240 fewer academic posts last year than in 1981. The cuts have not greatly affected the case of patients or undergraduate training, but they have "struck at the seed corn of clinical research and postgraduate activity", Mr Arthur Taylor, chairman of the NAHA's teaching and research committee, said.

They have also delayed some health service improvements because health authorities have had to divert funds to fill gaps in patient care left by the missing academic staff in teaching hospitals.

Protest at £200m for Sizewell

By Pearce Wright

The Central Electricity Generating Board will have spent £200m on design work, components, forgings, and "metal" for the Sizewell B nuclear power staiton by the time the Govermnent makes a decision after the public inquiry reports.

Mr John Baker, a CEGB board member, said on Tuesday that the money would be spent during the next 2 months. He was announcing the first step in a three-phase contract worth £100m for the supply of the reactor's main cooling system (the primary circuit) which removes heat for the production of steam to generate electricity.

Disclosure of the board's size of the commitment to the Sizewell project when the public inquiry is only half way through provoked an outburst of protest from opponents of the scheme.

Mr Robin Grove-White, director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said: "Suspicious minds could construe such a high commitment as the Government and the board conspiring to preempt the public inquiry. This spending has to be agreed by the Department of Energy".

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Mr John Profumo in front of the original Toynbee Hall

Toynbee Hall seeks to raise £1m

Mr John Profumo, chairman of the council of Toynbee Hall, launched a £1m appeal on Tuesday for the university settlement and social workshop in Tower Hamlets, east London, which celebrates its centenary this year. (Robin Young writes).

At a luncheon at Mansion House Mr Profumo said that experience had proved that governments alone could not do away with deprivation. Toynbee Hall needed money for specific and urgently needed projects, and for a sinking fund to assure its future.

"In all my 20 years at Toynbee we have never been able to look forward from one year to the next knowing that we have a substantial amount in the kitty. We have always relied entirely on begging."

Toynbee, which has provided the blueprint for many schemes to help the needy, plans with proceeds of the appeal to reopen its college, build new training workshops, and launch what Mr Profumo described as a "global plan" to raise living standards in the East End.

Lord Tonypandy, who is chairman of the centenary appeal committee, said it should be on everyone's conscience that there were still such great "dark patches on our land" such as the East End.

Starvation and summary punishment

Brutality returns to Matabeleland

From Stephen Taylor, Bulawayo

Reports of army brutality are emerging from an area of Zimbabwe's troubled Matabeleland province, sealed off from the outside world since a dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed almost four weeks ago.

Civilians who have managed to evade the military cordon round Matabeleland South and reached the provincial capital of Bulawayo paint a harrowing picture of life in the curfew area where troops dispense summary punishment to those suspected of supporting the insurgency in the province. There are frequent but unconfirmed reports of killings.

The most widespread form of suffering among about 420,000 peasants trapped in the drought-afflicted scrubland is acute hunger. Crops have failed for a third successive year and resources are exhausted. The Army has cut off food supplies to the curfew area and is forcing rural stores to stay shut.

Five church leaders in Matabeleland have written to Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, and President Canaan Banana, appealing for relief to be restored. But sources say the Army is still not allowing food in. A medical source says: "We face the prospect of widespread starvation."

Introduction of the curfew on February 3, after an upsurge in guerrilla violence, raised the spectre of the slaughter of Ndebele civilians by the Fifth Brigade a year ago.

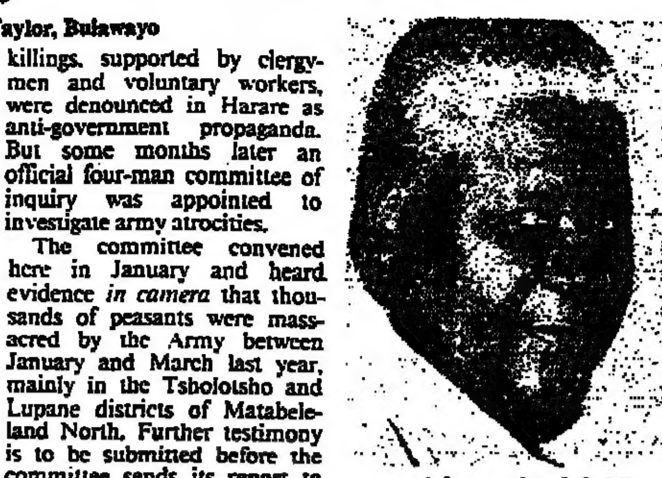
Then disclosures about the killings, supported by clergymen and voluntary workers, were denounced in Harare as anti-government propaganda. But some months later an official four-man committee of inquiry was appointed to investigate army atrocities.

The committee convened here in January and heard evidence *in camera* that thousands of peasants were massacred by the Army between January and March last year, mainly in the Tsholotsho and Lupane districts of Matabeleland North. Further testimony is to be submitted before the committee sends its report to Mr Mugabe.

Indications of new killings came in a speech by Mr Joshua Nkomo to Parliament on February 14. The portly Zapu leader – who shouted "I will not be intimidated" against heckling from the government bences – named six men allegedly murdered near Kezi by soldiers the day after the curfew was introduced.

There are other reports of killings, but they come at secondhand and independent sources have been unable to confirm them. Church and voluntary organizations are having difficulty monitoring developments. Army roadblocks prevent private traffic entering the curfew area and journalists are barred.

All informants speak of severe and random beatings of civilians, including women and children. Soldiers are said to use thick sticks or lengths of heavy leather about a yard long and the thickness of a thumb.





Adversaries: Mr Nkomo (left) and Mr Mugabe

Medical sources say the beating often cause fractures. One said a seven-year-old girl had been beaten so severely her broken arm was likely to be paralysed.

Military sources assert that local people, traditionally antagonistic to the majority Shona-speaking tribes, actively support the guerrillas. People in Matabeleland deny this and say it is impossible to refuse food to an armed man. Neither picture tells the full story.

The consequences of this bitterness could be seen when a group of teachers were brought to a Harare hospital this week after an incident in which they were hideously maimed by the Matabeleland guerrillas.

The five men, visited by journalists at the invitation of the Department of Information, were a grotesque illustration of the brutality of the conflict. One had had his ears, nose and upper lip cut off with a blunt knife. Another two men had lost both ears and noses, and a fourth his ears.

A doctor at the hospital said the five were all teachers at a school near Mwenezi (formerly Nuanetsi) in Masvingo province and had suffered their injuries on Februanry 21.

Dr Sydney Sekeramayi, Minister of Health, told journalists that school staff had been aroused that night by a group of four "dissidents" who had herded them into a room and separated Nebele speakers (from Matabeleland) from Shona-speakers.

Angola fears Unita infiltration will upset pull-out pact

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The joint Angola-South Africa monitoring commission today begins regular supervision of the withdrawal of Pretoria's remaining troops from southern Angola, which it is hoped could lead to a wider Namibia peace settlement.

Official sources in Windhoek, the Namibian capital, said yesterday that Swapo guerrillas were making a last attempt to push into Namibia from southern Angola before the Pretoria-Luanda pact comes into full force, blocking further infiltration.

As South Africa pulls its men out, Angolans will move into the vacated areas and supposedly see to it that Swapo units remain above a line to the north. During the delicate handover period, however, there is likely to be some fluidity in the situation and a danger that the fragile ceasefire could collapse.

It is understood that Angola has told Pretoria of its fear that the Unita rebels of Dr Jonas Savimbi, whose writ runs in much of east and south-east Angola, may also try to move into the vacated areas. The South Africans have given military support to Unita in the past.

America is also involved in the monitoring of the "disengagement" process through a small office in Windhoek under Mr William Twaddell, a former chargé d'affaires in Mozambique who speaks Portuguese

The main task of the Americans, it is understood, will be to provide radio communications expertise and, possibly, to act as arbiter in the event of a dispute

● Police in the dock: Five South African policemen – four whites and one black – are due to appear in court this month on charges of murder. They all come from Dirkiesdorp in rural eastern Transvaal.

One of the men, Constable Johannes Nienaber, shot dead Mr Saul Mkhize, a community leader, on April 2 last year in Driefontein, a black village threatened with resettlement in a tribal reserve.

The shooting occurred at a protest meeting convened by Mr Mkhize

He appeared briefly before magistrates on Tuesday, but the case was postponed and is expected to be heared in the Volksrust Circuit Court on March 20.

The other four are due to appear in the same court on March 28. They are accused of murdering Mr Timothy Manana, a black tractor driver who died in Dirkiesdrop police station on May 3 last year after being arrested the previous day on suspicion of cattle-stealing.

The police are also charged with attempting to murder Mr Manana's aged father, who was detained for questioning at the same time.

40% flout motorway speed limit

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

Given a straight stretch of road, fine weather, and no police cars, 40 per cent of British motorists will exceed the 70 mph speed limit on motorways. Eleven per cent will exceed 80 mph, and 3 per cent exceed 90 mph, according to the Department of Transport's latest National Speed Survey.

The survey finds that traffic speeds are continuing to increase despite the rising cost of fuel. On single carriageway roads, the mean speed increased from 42 mph in 1975 to 44 mph last year; and on dual carriageways from 52 mph to 58 mph.

On motorways, the mean speed for cars last year was 68 mph (there were no previous motorway surveys): for buses and coaches it was 66 mph, with 31 per cent exceeding the limit; and for heavy lorries 58 mph, with 39 per cent exceeding the (60 mph) limit.

The tests were carried out with concealed cameras which filmed passing vehicles and measured the time between two points. The results were analysed by computer, with vehicle type the only identification.

They were made on straight and level sites in good weather with neither gradients nor junctions. The police were asked to keep away except in emergency.

The survey found considerable differences in motorway speed according to lane. Cars averaged 59 mph in the nearside lane 70 mph in the central lane, 80 mph in the offside lane.

'Science for girls' call by women

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

A clear lead must be given by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to persuade girls to study science and technology at school, according to the Women's National Commission, which advises the Government on issues affecting women.

In a statement the commission says that the Department of Education and Science has yet to build on the good start made by Sir Keith in his speech to the Girl's Schools Association in Harrogate. It wants a circular to be sent to all education authorities telling them to persuade girls not to give up mathematics, physics, and chemistry and that they should learn about technology and computers.

The commission, jointly chaired by Mrs Peggyt Fenner, Conservative MP for Rochester and Chatham, and Mrs Nancy Catchpole, says that it is imperative that action is taken to combat sexism in schools. "Sex stereotyping leads to the exclusion of studies (vital in the modern world) which would ensure wide job opportunities for girls and boys."

"Research indicated that bodies appointing teachers may be unfair to women by taking into account extraneous considerations and not giving sufficient weight to selection criteria related to likely performance in the job."

Smoking in Britain: 3

Cigarette sales fall has halted, industry says

Britain's 15 million smokers were encouraged to "stub it out" in campaigns throughout the country for yesterday's National No Smoking Day. In the last of three articles on Smoking in Britain, JOHN LAWLESS examines the state of the tobacco industry.

If Mr Nigel Lawson does, as is widely predicted, add between 3p and 5p to the price of a packet of 20 cigarettes in his Budget on March 13, it will cause the industry pain, but by no means as much anguish as it would have done a decade ago.

There are two main reasons. First, the cigarette makers have diversified strongly into other industries in the past 10 years, a process that will continue.

Second, the index-linked price rise in the last Budget, of 3p, did not produce a big slump in consumption.

The number of cigarettes smoked in Britain fell from a peak of 137.4 billion in 1973 to 102 billion in 1982. Estimates for last year suggest that the 1983 decline was less than 1 per cent, to 101 billion.

The tobacco industry finds that trend, at least in terms of its sales and profits prospects, encouraging. One industry executive said yesterday: "It seems as though we may have achieved a fragile stability".

Some City analysts also believe that the downward sales trend may have bottomed-out and that, as long as the Chancellor keeps price rises in line with inflation, they will stay at about 100 billion a year.

Mr Mark Duffy, of the stockbrokers W Greenwell, which yesterday published a 50-page report on Carreras Rothmans International, Britain's third largest cigarette producer, said: "The cigarette manufacturers really felt the recession in the years 1980 to 1982, behind other manufacturing industry."

With the economy now generally lifting, he added, their problems should not be so persistent. The trends suggest that the decline in sales "is coming to a halt".

Tax paid by smokers, with ninetenths coming from cigarettes, remains a tremendously important source of revenue for the Treasury. But it has, in fact, been decreasing in value.

In the decade up to 1982, a year in which the Treasury culled £4.2bn in tobacco taxes, including value-added tax, the real value of its net receipts fell by 5.5 per cent.

The cigarette manufacturers have lobbied intensively during the past few weeks to remind the Chancellor what a swingeing tax increase would cost in terms of jobs in their industry.

In 1974, about 421,000 people were directly employed in making cigarettes. By 1980, 6,000 jobs had been lost. Another 5,000 went by the end of 1983, so that the employment reduction rate has almost doubled in the past three years.

Recent announcements by Rothmans and British American Tobacco (BAT), about factory closures over the next two years, mean that at least another 3,000 workers will be laid off.

There are four main cigarette companies in Britain: BAT, the world's largest producer, Imperial, Gallaher, and Carreras Rothmans.

Competition between the last three has just been pushed to even higher levels, with a BAT decision to reduce its British market presence. It is keeping some manufacturing, to supply a distributor with its brands, notably State Express 555.

The battle is on between Imperial (45 per cent of the market last year), Gallaher (32.5), and Carreras Rothmans (which doubled its share from 1975 to more than 14 per cent in 1983) to take the 5 per cent which BAT had built up.

Concluded

Iraq admits loss of oilfield to Iran

By Hazhir Teimourian

Iraq yesterday admitted the loss of the Majnoon oilfield, an island with a number of oil wells in the marshlands of Hawizah in south-eastern Iraq, whose capture Iran claimed in the early phase of its offensive last week.

An Iraqi military spokesman said Iranian forces on the island would soon be crushed; Iran claimed it had already repulsed one attempt to recapture the island. Iran said Iraq had used chemical weapons. Many soldiers were being treated in hospitals in Ahvaz and Susangerd, two southern Iranian towns, it was alleged.

After Baghdad's announcement on Monday that its planes had attacked tankers around Kharg Island and Washington's report that one of its warships had used flares and warning shots against an Iranian frigate, the oil futures market in New York climbed steeply amid heavy buying of crude oil, heating oil and petrol.

In Japan, which imports 60 per cent of its oil from the Gulf, a mood of nervous resignation prevailed. The country can count on stockpiles equivalent to 120 days' supply to avoid short-term disruption of economic activity.

Ayatollah Khomeini did not try to calm the situation. On Tehran Radio on Tuesday, he referred to President Reagan's repeated declarations that the West could not allow the Gulf to be closed to international shipping by Iran. It was "up to the people of Iran to decide" he said. "The superpowers can no longer sit back and say: 'We shall allow this and not allow that'."

● Superpower strength: If an international crisis develops because of the Gulf war, there are already substantial naval forces in the area which could be drawn in (Our Foreign Staff writes).

The United States has three separate groups in the Indian Ocean and four or five vessels, mainly destroyers and frigates, but including the USS Lasalle, a specially converted command ship, in the Gulf area.

Farther off, but within easy reach, is a carrier battle group headed by the USS Midway, which is accompanied by about six escorts. Farther away still, patrolling the Indian Ocean, is the main force of the Seventh Fleet, with about 30 ships. The Soviet Union is reported to have about 26 ships in the region.

Britain and France each have two vessels in the area. In Britain's case, they are the County Class destroyer HMS Glamorgan and the Type 22 frigate HMS Brazer.

The French ships are the frigate Victor Schoelsher, armed with Exocet missiles and 100mm guns, which is in the extreme north of the Arabian Sea, broadly between Dubai and Karachi.

Further afield is the logistic support vessel, the Rhein, which is unarmed but has 150 men on board. She is due in Djibouti at the southern entrance to the Red Sea tomorrow.





War and peace: The scene of devastation yesterday in Beirut (left) where a car bomb killed at least two people, wounding more than 50, contrasting with the smiling greeting in Damascus as President Assad of Syria met President Gemayel of Lebanon.

Conquering hero's welcome for PLO leader

Defiant West Bank mayors meet Arafat

From Christopher Walker
Amman

More than 40 prominent West Bankers, including five mayors, have defied an Israeli warning and presented Mr Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, with a petition urging the PLO to agree to a co-ordinated stand with Jordan's King Husain.

The meeting, which took place at the heavily guarded guest palace here, has posed a severe dilemma for the Israeli occupation authorities. They will have to decide what penalty, if any, to impose on some of these most moderate West Bank leaders who, according to Brigadier Binyamin Elieser, co-ordinator of policy in the region, have broken the law.

The emergence of such a wide body of West Bank opinion in support of an agreement may strengthen Mr Arafat's hand against radical opponents, even within his own Fatah organization, who are opposed to any watering-down of the PLO's normally rigid stance on Israel's right to exist.

Among those who met Mr Arafat were Mr Elias Freij, the Mayor of Bethlehem; Mr Anwar Al Khatib, a former governor of Jerusalem, and Mr Mahmud Abu Zaluf, publisher of the largest selling newspaper in the West Bank.

Although the petition did not contain specific plans for a new Jordanian/PLO peace initiative, many of its supporters are in favour of reciprocal recognition between the PLO and Israel and the acceptance by Mr Arafat of the key UN Resolution 242.

Mr Freij, the central figure in the powerful campaign being mounted here to push Mr Arafat towards moderation, has seen a recent switch in West Bank opinion behind his call for urgent peace talks with Israel. "For many months I was the only voice, but now I have a full choir behind me," he said. "The time for the Palestinians is running out fast as the Jews are seizing all our land."

The Mayor predicted that an agreement in principle would emerge from the talks between King Husain and the PLO chief. These will then continue intermittently over the coming weeks in an attempt to agree a joint approach towards the peace process.

Mr Arafat's reception in Jordan had been one rather of conquering hero than a man who had recently suffered ignominous expulsion from Lebanon.



Yassir Arafat: petitioned

There he was on Tuesday, the most practised survivor in the Middle East, in full military uniform and flanked by a Jordanian general and a Cabinet minister, solemnly taking the salute from 1,000 ecstatically cheering troops of the Palestine Liberation Army, of which he is still commander-in-chief.

The occasion was a well-rehearsed display of combat skills at the remote desert base of Al Khwa to celebrate the nineteenth anniversary of the founding of the 6,000-strong PLA (the standing army of the PLO), which has units in a number of Arab countries, all of them – as in Jordan – firmly under the military thumb of the host government.

These particular men had been among the first Palestinians expelled from Beirut in the autumn of 1982

From the moment Mr Arafat and Abu Jihad, the PLO's moustached military commander, swept up in a fleet of smoke-grey government limousines, the three-hour ceremony took on important overtones as a symbol of the growing rapprochement between the PLO "loyalists" and the government of King Husain.

Among those looking on from the cramped, aluminium-covered dais which provided the only shelter fron the burning sun were Mr Mohammed Milhem and Mr Fahd Kawasme, the elected Palestinian mayors of the occupied West Bank towns of Halhoul and Hebron, expelled by Israel in 1980. Both are now exiled in Amman and playing key roles in the moves to bring the PLO and Jordan closer.

In words which seemed to justify recent bitter Israeli condemnation of the summit now in progress in the Jordanian capital, Mr Arafat said of his talks so far with King Husain: "We discussed ways of finding joint moves and joint policies in order to face the threats which face the Arab nation to march together towards Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Jerusalem."

Europe's timid step into future

From Ian Murray
Brussels

The EEC yesterday took a first timid but profoundly significant step into the future of new technology and away from its agriculturally dominated past.

It did so through a long-awaited decision to spend a modest £457m over the next five years on information technology, that fast moving sector where the average life of a product is a mere three years. By coincidence the money is the same as the last British rebate from the Community.

The decision was taken yesterday because Britain was at last satisfied that the money was really available to fund the programme, whatever happens in the current arguments over how to reform the Community.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the British minister, said: "It is not just a trade off between milk and high technology." The Money would be made available from the funds already set aside for research.

The new scheme is called Esprit a spirited French acronym for the ponderous English version, European Strategic Programme for Research and Development in Information Technologies.

The underlying aim of the project is to combine the talents of the EEC to create a European new technology capable of taking on the efforts of Japan and the United States.

In pilot projects for the scheme, which were started two and a half years ago when Britain was in the chair of the Council of Ministers, British firms have taken a dominant position. They are project leaders in 11 of the 38 ideas under trial, compared with eight in West Germany and seven from France. British companies are involved in no less than 21 of all the projects.

Esprit is in itself a prototype of the kind of trans-frontier cooperation which the EEC is meant to be all about.

Plessey, GEC and Newcastle and Southampton Universities from Britain, Thomson and Montpelier University from France, and Telefunken from West Germany, for example, will all combine their skills and knowledge in one project. British Leyland, Trinity College, Dublin, and two Dutch colleges will work together in another.

"Europe should not have an inferiority complex about high technology," Mr Baker said. In fibre optics it was well ahead of Japan and the United States. Britain was ahead in hand-held television sets and gaining sales in the small radar equipment market.

"This shows that Britain and Europe are not prepared to give up and this is very important," Mr Baker said.

All the EEC money will have to be matched exactly by money provided by the industries involved.

18 killed as US plane crashes in storm

Madrid – Seventeen American servicemen were killed on Monday night when a Hercules C130 transporter crashed during a severe snow storm in a mountainous area of Aragon, Saragossa. Rescue teams yesterday located the wreckage and recoved 15 bodies.

A Spanish Air Force captain who had been acting as an observer also died.

The aircraft was dropping supplies during joint US / Spanish exercises. The crash apparently occurred just before the men were to make a parachute descent. The Americans, six of them officers, were from the Ramstein US base in West Germany.

Hongkong puts up taxes

Hongkong (Reuter) – Hongkong, recently rocked by riots and a taxi-drivers' strike, yesterday announced higher taxes for its wealthy minority in an effort to cover a big budget deficit.

This will affect about 30,000 of the colony's 5.3 million people, including almost all foreigners, and will also hit big companies.

Kidnap arrests

Paris (Reuter) – Two Dutchmen suspected of kidnapping the Dutch brewing millionaire Mr Freddie Heineken in Amsterdam last November were detained yesterday in Paris. Three others are being held in Amsterdam.

Paris lay-offs

Paris (AFP) – The daily France Soir has announced plans to lay off almost a quarter of its staff. Owned by M Robert Hersant, it has a circulation of about 400,000 but has lost revenue from a sharp fall in classified advertising.

Killer executed

Angola, Louisiana (AP) – A convicted murderer, Johnny Taylor, aged 30, was executed in Louisiana's electric chair yesterday, the second prisoner to be put to death in the state in less than three months.

Afghans jailed

Delhi (AP) – An Afghan special court convicted two insurgent leaders of sedition and sentenced them to jail for 20 years and 10 years respectively, Kabul radio reported.

Narrow escape

New York (AFP) – A dozen people suffered minor injuries on Tuesday when a Scandinavian Airlines DC 10 skidded off a runway at Kennedy Airport and came to a halt with its nose in water. There were 163 passengers on board.

Party choice

Madrid – Signor Ciriaco de Mita was reelected secretary of the Christian Democrats, Italy's biggest political party, but his main opponent, Signor Vincenzo Scotti, surprised most delegates by taking about 30 per cent of the vote.

Everest search

Seattle (AFP) Sixteen American mountaineers plan to climb Mount Everest in an attempt to discover what happened to two British climbers who disappeared there 60 years ago.

They intend to follow the route used by George Leigh Mallory and Andrew Irvine, mysteriously lost in 1924.

Death sentence

Yrounde (BP) – A military court sentenced former Cameroon President Ahmadou Ahidjo to death in absentia for planning to overthrow the government of his hand-picked successor, President Paul Biya. Two of his former aides, who were in court, were also sentenced to death.

Detainees freed

Islamabad – Mir Ghaus Bakhsh Bizenjo and Sardar Sherbaz Mazari, two of the principal opposition leaders of the 10-party Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD), were released in Karachi within 24 hours of each other, after several months of detention.

Mourners stung

Nairobi (AFP) – A funeral in the port town of Mombasa was interrupted for nearly three hours when mourners were attacked by a swarm of bees. One man was badly stung.

Robber's slip

Ankara – Five gunmen robbed a branch of a state-owned bank in Istanbul of 21m lira (about £46,000). One of the raiders slipped up by addressing two of the women clerks by their names, suggesting an inside job.

King appeals to Reagan not to abandon Lebanon

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has personally urged President Reagan not to abandon diplomatic efforts in Lebanon – an appeal unlikely to shake the Administration from a conviction that it has no immediate political or military role to play.

With the Marines safely on board ship off the Lebanese coast, the President is clearly resigned to leave Lebanon and other Arab nations to find a solution. Accordig to Adimistration sources it has been made clear to President Gemayel that even with the fleet off the coast, there is no prospect of using US firepower to thwart the rebel militia advances from Syrian controlled territory.

The Lebanese President originally agreed with the American decision to pull Marines out of Beirut in return for a promise that he would not be abandoned.

Washington's position now, however, amounts to disengagement from immediate events. The military "rules of engagement" of the US fleet have been strictly defined as protecting remaining American personnel in Beirut. The passive political and military stance is alarming Middle East allies

The King has written at length to President Reagan.

The Saudis are concerned that America's influence on events in the region is slipping away disastrously, thus encouraging the Iranians and Syrians and – in the Saudi view – the Israelis to flout the US with seeming impunity.

Israel's latest Lebanon dead bring toll to 571

From Moshe Brilliant, Tel Aviv

Military funerals were held yesterday in Hadera and Ness Ziona for the two latest casualties in Israel's venture in Lebanon.

The victims, Sergeant Mordechai Skedi, aged 48, and Private Nissim Biton, aged 35, were reservists; they were killed on Tuesday in an ambush. Their deaths brought the armed forces toll since the invasion in June, 1982, to 571.

Gunmen hiding in the wooded, rocky slope over a deep ravine four miles north-east of Nabatiya launched a bazooka rocket and fired Kalashnikov rifles at two Jeeps that had crossed a bridge and entered a ravine. The victims were in the second Jeep.

The gunmen abandoned their rifles and bazooka launcher and fled in the direction of the Shia Muslim village Arab Salim. Israeli reinforcements launched a search for the killers.

In Jerusalem four casualties of a terrorist bombing in busy Jaffa Road on Tuesday remained in Bikur Holim Hospital yesterday. A tourist from Lebanon who required back surgery was the most serious casualty. Twenty-one wounded had been treated on Tuesday.

Police yesterday were holding four Arabs after scores were rounded up and interrogated following the explosion. Witnesses said they saw the bomber leave a clothing store near Davidka Square and drop a plastic bag. Police said two grenades in the bag exploded and two others failed to go off.

Financier accused of insulting the King

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

Señor José Maria Ruiz Mateos, creator of the former Rumasa business empire which was taken over by the Spanish Government a year ago, has been ordered by a Madrid court to stand trial for "criminally insulting" King Juan Carlos.

The charge arose from an interview given late last year by the Jerez-born financier to Actualidad Econômica, a Madrid business weekly, in which he criticized the King for "finishing him off" by signing the decree under which the Socialist Government expropriated Rumasa.

In the interview, according to the prosecutor, Señor Ruiz Mateos also sought to implicate the King in alleged financial irregularities designed to get rid of a high official at the Bank of Spain.

The expropriation was immediately approved by the Spanish Parliament and upheld last December by the Constitutional Court. Lawyers have pointed out that, as a constitutional monarch, the acts of King Juan Carlos are inviolable.

The Madrid court issued search and capture orders against Señor Ruiz Mateos, who went to live in London shortly after the expropriation. According to Madrid press reports, he has not been seen at his London home for the past five days.

The state prosecutor-general, Señor Luis Buron, said yesterday that if the Government sought the financier's extradition from Britain it had to be reasonably sure of success. An extradition treaty between the two countries lapsed in the 1960s.

Señor Ruiz Mateos already faced charges before the Madrid court for alleged financial crimes

Death toll in Nigeria riots reaches 102

Lagos (AP) – The death toll in Muslim riots has risen to 102, the News Agency of Nigeria reported yesterday as calm returned to the city of Jimeta in north-eastern Nigeria.

Major-General Mohammed Buhari, the military leader, flew from Lagos to Jimeta and Yola yesterday to assess the damage.

The fighting started on Monday when members of the banned Maitatsine Muslim sect escaped from police, marched on the main market and "destroyed whatever they saw on the way", the news agency reported.

The ferocity of Maitatsine fighting comes from the members' belief that they can be made invulnerable by a "magic dust" which they apply when facing police in riots.

D-day site

Paris (AP) – France formerly ceded to the US a site at Utah Beach for a 24ft granite obelisk to all the Allied troops who fought in the 1944 D-Day landings and subsequent battle to free Normandy.

Kohl visit gives hope of EEC solution

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Hopes of a solution to Europe's cash crisis have been kept alive by the visit to London of Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany. "We are moving towards a compromise", he declared after two hours of talks with Mrs Thatcher.

With the crucial Brussels summit less tham three weeks away, signs of movement have not come too soon. The Chancellor, standing in the cold of Downing Street, added a warning that the way ahead would be difficult and that "we have not yet reached the top of the mountain."

But British officials, while pointing to the hard work which was still needed, cautiously agreed that this latest round of pre-Brussels consultations had been "fruitful and interesting".

Britain has refused to endorse a plan to raise fresh funds for the Community by contributing more VAT takings, at least until two other demands have been met. One is for a curb on agricultural spending and the other is for a "safety net" which would limit the net contributions which any one country has to pay into the EEC.

The Chancellor has had similar meetings with his Italian, Dutch, Belgian and French counterparts – amid speculation over a Franco-German secret deal which would be presented to Mrs Thatcher as a fait accompli.

Herr Kohl

If so, then Mrs Thatcher should prepare to have her arm twisted once more on Monday when President Mitterrand will be her guest at Chequers. Mr Lubbers, the Dutch Prime Minister, meanwhile arrives tomorrow for consultations.

Herr Kohl is known to favour a Franco-German axis in Europe, for both personal and political reasons, but was more cryptic when questioned after his Downing Street session. It would not make sense for only one or two countries to back a set of proposals, he said. On the other hand any "reasonable" compromise would need the support of at least Britain, France and West Germany.

Way of death in Brazil's slums

From Patrick Knight, São Paulo

The fire which killed at least 83 people near the port of Santos on Saturday night, when 150,000 gallons of petrol leaking from a pipeline exploded and burnt a 100-yard wide swathe a mile long through a shantytown built over it, illustrates the precarious life of millions of families now living in such places in Brazil.

In a similar incident in Bahia state last August, 99 people lost their lives when petrol which had been leaking from a train derailed on a line passing through a shantytown caught fire 12 hours after the leak began. People collecting petrol to sell were killed when the whole area burst into flames.

In Saturday's incident, the leak was first noticed by residents in the shantytown, where 8,000 people live, at about 10.30pm and a policeman arrested a man collecting petrol from a puddle. But valves controlling the line were not turned off until 12.30.

The explosion, which caused a fire lasting all night, occurred shortly afterwards. Apart from the dead, 30 were seriously burnt, and many are not expected to survive.

The town of Cubatao, where the explosion occurred, has become famous as one of the most polluted in the world. Wedged between the sea and the 3,000-foot plateau on which São Paulo city stands, 26 large factories, mostly having oil as their base product, spew 60 tons of toxic waste each day over a series of favelas where 15,000 people live.

A third of those living in the area have severe respiratory problems.

With Brazil's cities having doubled in size over the past few years, millions of unqualified migrants have no alternative but to squat in shacks built on land which nobody else wants.

More than a million people now live in a thousand shanty towns in São Paulo city alone, compared with a quarter that number in 1970. Squashed between railways and roads, on riverbanks, or built, as is the case of the shanty town destroyed at the weekend, on stilts over stinking bog and marsh, or on mudflats left dry at low tide, the dwellers are specially vulnerable to the sort of industrial disaster which occurred at the weekend.

Many of them are also suffering directly the effects of increasing river and sea pollution which has accompanied Brazil's industrial development.

Revival of British car industry hailed

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Huge investment in new models, new plant, new technology and new shop-floor attitudes are contributing to the renaissance of the British motor industry, according to Mr Geoffrey Moore, deputy president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders speaking in Geneva last night.

As the host at a reception on the eve of the International Motor Show there, he said British car production increased by 17.7 per cent from 880,000 in 1982 to 1,045,000 in 1983.

He said the new confidence was well founded: "Our customers are coming back to us, and new investment is flowing into the industry. The days of unfulfilled deliveries, unscheduled production stoppages, delayed launches of sometimes long-promised new models are past, and ou customers recognize that."

Several important new models would emerge later in the year, helping the industry to fight back against imports, a fight that began last year when British-produced cars took a bigger share of a record home market and reversed the import trend of the previous 15 years.

Kenya airman accused of leading failed coup

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Air Force Private Hezekiah Ochuka, the alleged leader of the abortive coup attempt here in August 1982, appeared before a court martial yesterday and denied a charge of treason.

The charge, which carries the death sentence, alleges that Ochuka led the attempt by members of the Kenya Air Force to overthrow the government, that he directed the seizure of the radio station here and the broadcasting of announcements of the overthrow, that he ordered Air Force planes to bomb State House and other targets in Nairobi, and that he wore the uniform of a lieutenant-colonel.

The court martial, at Langata Barracks on the outskirts of Nairobi, adjourned the hearing

Private Ochuka commandeered an Air Force plane when loyal troops put down the coup attempt, and fled to Tanzania where he was granted political asylum. When he appeared in a Tanzanian court to oppose a Kenyan application for his extradition, Ochuka said he was the leader of the "provisional government" of Kenya

Last November the Kenyan, Tanzanian and Ugandan Presidents met in Arusha, northern Tanzania, and agreed that fugitives from one East African country should not be able to seek asylum in another.

● Holocaust' report: A local councillor, Mr Sughal Unshur, from Wafir, North-eastern Kenya, said here that over 300 members of the Degodia tribe had died and another 1,000 were missing after being rounded up by police and troops following inter-tribal clashes

Bonn seeks formula to extricate Stoph's niece

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

Intensive efforts have been going on behind the scenes here and in West Berlin over the past two days to find a formula allowing the niece of Herr Willi Stoph, the East German Prime Minister, to leave the West German Embassy in Prague with her family for West Germany.

On Tuesday, Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the Social Democratic parliamentary leader, held talks in West Berlin with Herr Wolfgang Vogel, the East German lawyer and close confidant of Herr Erich Honecker, the East German party leader, who has played a key role in negotiating the emigration of thousands of East Germans to the West.

Continuing its news blackout on the affair, Bonn yesterday refused to give any details of this meeting but Herr Vogel was understood to have discussed his talks with the Government.

Meanwhile the East Germans, in the first mention of the incident, accused the West Germans of a slander campaign against their country and said the family were in the Prague embassy as "guests".

The official ADN news agency said Herr Hans-Dieter Berg, the husband of Herr Stoph's niece, had been in conflict with the law in the past, had once tried to join the French Foreign Legion and had served a jail sentence in West Berlin.

Herr Stoph himself tried to distance himself from his brother's daughter, and his office said he had had nothing to do with her action. West German commentators saw this as a way of making it easier for East Berlin to expel the family to West Germany as undesirables without setting a precedent or losing face.

Both countries are clearly embarrassed by the incident, but East Gerany i[illegible]d it was still countinuing [illegible]rts to normalize relations with the Federal Republic.

Heart surgeon's son found dead in bath

Cape Town (Reuter) – The son of Professor Christian Barnard, The pioneer heart transplant surgeon was found dead in his bath yesterday. Police said they suspected suicide.

Dr Andre Barnard, aged 32, was discovered in the bath when his wife, Gail, a nursing sister at Groote Schuur Hospital, came of night duty, a police spokesman said.

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THE ARTS IN DANGER

We the undersigned view with the gravest alarm the Government's proposals for the arts in the event of the abolition of the Greater London Council and the Metropolitan County Councils. These proposals list only 16 bodies whose survival appears to be of some concern to the Government; 6 museums, 3 orchestras and the London Orchestral Concert Board, 2 theatres, 2 opera companies, 1 ballet company, and the South Bank Arts complex in London. Nine are based in London and seven outside it. However, even in these cases, no promise is made that present levels of funding by local government will be maintained.

For the many hundreds of other arts bodies, of all sizes, supported by the GLC and the Metropolitan County Councils there is no comfort. They must look to borough and district councils for their future support.

For decades the general pattern of support for the arts from borough and district councils has been unpredictable, and in some cases hopelessly inadequate. With today's constraints on local government expenditure it is doubtful if such councils will be able to replace the money for the arts which the Government now intends to remove from the GLC and the Metropolitan County Councils.

The Government's proposals constitute an unprecedented attack upon the arts which will diminish the quality of life in this country, and with it our claim to be accounted a civilised society.

We call upon the Government to reassure the thousands of artists in this country, and the millions who constitute their audiences, that it will not cause any further reduction in the already inadequate funding of the arts in Britain.

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Soviet book drives French Communists into patriotic outburst

From Diana Geddes, Paris

A new sign of cooler relations tween the French Commu- sts and the Soviet Union me with the publication sterday of a letter from M corges Marchais to the Cen- l Committee of the Soviet ommunist Party, in which the ench party leader strongly tacks "the ridiculous and teful allegations" made about e French in a new Russian ok entitled *Populations of the orld*.

The letter, whose text is blished in full in yesterday's *Humanité*, the official French ommunist Party newspaper, presses the party's "great ritation" at claims by the ook's author that the popu- tion of France could be ivided "on the one hand into ose whom he calls 'the rench', and who according to im total 44 million, that is 82.5 er cent of the total population, nd on the other hand – and quote – into Alsatians, lemings, Bretons, Basques, atalans, Corsicans, Jews, rmenians, Gypsies and thers'."

"In the same chapter," the Marchais letter goes on, "other laims of the same type are nade, such as: 'The people of lsace-Lorraine are related to e Germans'! We protest with ndignation against these ridicu- ous and hateful allegations. For s, as for all citizens of our ountry, every man and every oman of French nationality is rench.

"France is not a multi- ational state: it is one nation, ne people, the product of a ong history. Any attempt – ased on haphazard criteria whose dividing lines from acism are blurred – which aims t defining as not 'purely' rench certain members of the rench community, is an ffense against our national consciousness."



M Marchais: All French citizens are French.

Concluding the letter with "fraternal greetings" to his "dear comrades", M Marchais says that he "naturally" intends to make its contents public, given that the book has been published in France.

M Marchais's outspoken attack could, of course, be seen simply as an adroit attempt to pre-emt criticism from other quarters. But the language is unnecessarily severe, and it comes soon after another apparent deliberate snub to the new Soviet leadership.

The French Communist Party was virtually the only Western Communist party not to send Mr Chernenko a telegram of congratulations on his accession to power.

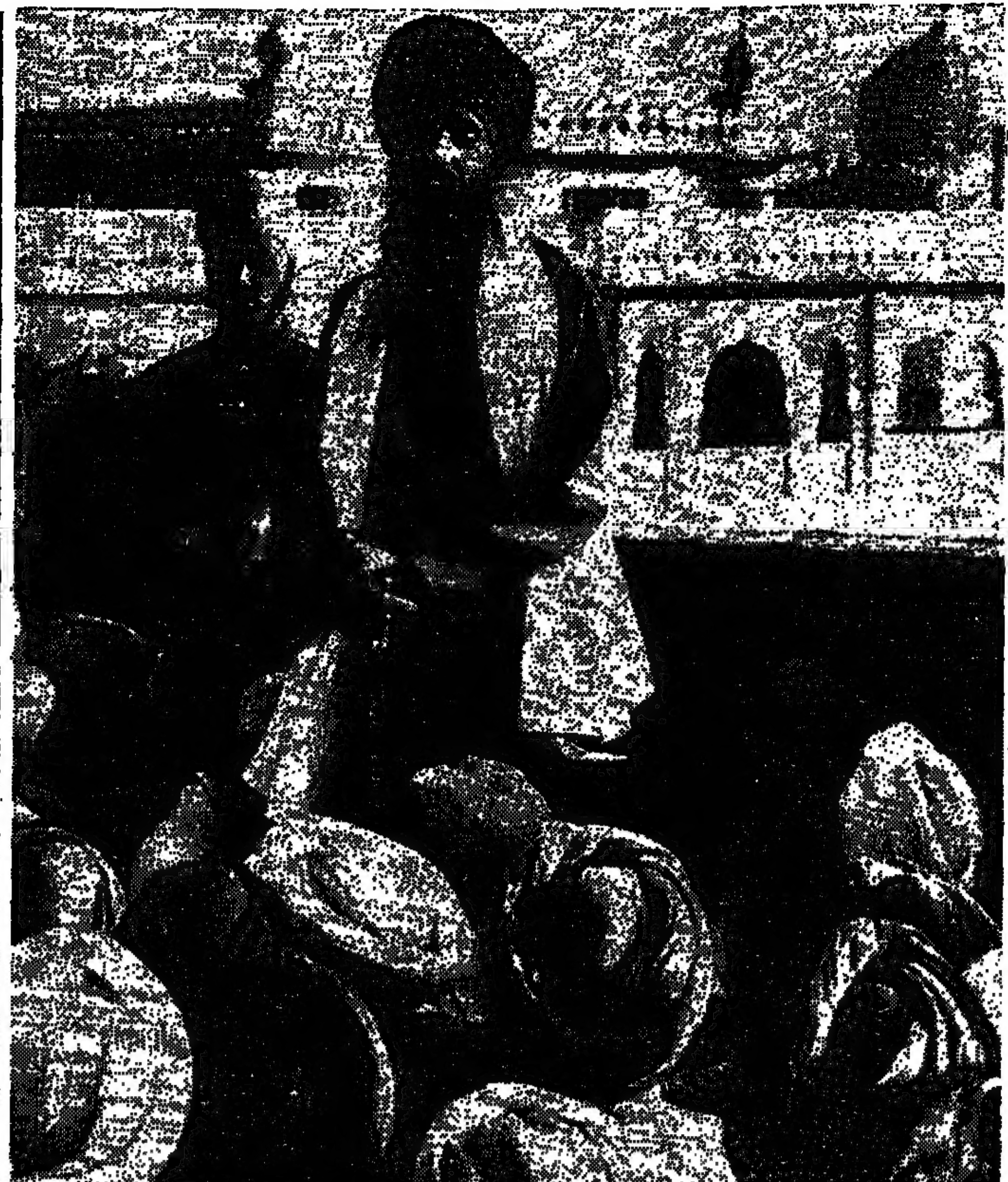
A party delegation, headed by M Marchais went to Moscow for Andropov's funeral, and M Marchais was given pride of place during the ceremony, immediately behind the delegations from the Communist countries. But he was not received by Mr Chernenko, as he had been by Andropov at the time of Brezhnev's funeral.

It is no secret here that the French Communist Party viewed with some dismay the arrival in power of a man strongly identified with Brezhnev, and hence with the kind of hard-line communism from which the French communists have been trying to disassociate themselves, if only for the sake of their internal electoral image.

The stance of progressive reformer adopted by Andropov was much more to their liking. Indirect harsh criticism of the Brezhnev era (and by implication of those associated with him) was given in an unusually strong-worded article in *L'Humanité*, published after Andropov's death but before Mr Chernenko's nomination, in which the paper's Moscow correspondent compared unfavourably the situation in the Soviet Union at the time of Brezhnev's death in November, 1982, with the situation only 15 months later left by Andropov.

When Andropov took over, "The country seemed to be running out of breath," *Humanité* said. Economic growth was flagging; consumer goods at prices workers could afford were increasingly scarce; the political life of the nation seemed to be stuck in a rut; and scandals were beginning to hit the headlines. Fifteen months later things had changed, as a result of the "enormous and important" reforms introduced by Andropov.

Even before Andropov's death, the French communists had given other unusual public displays of displeasure and irritation with their Soviet comrades, such as their criticsm of the Russians for sending a delegation in January to the first national congress of the breakaway Spanish Communist Party group, and M Marchais's call in a recent television interview for the rehabilitation of Khruschev by the Russians.



Saint or sinner: The Sikh militant leader, Jarnail Singh Bhindranwhale, sporting a .32 calibre revolver, a four-foot sword and a spear despite his 87 years, addresses a crowd of his supporters at the historic Golden Temple in Amritsar. Bhindranwhale is called a "sant" or saint, by his followers and a terrorist by the Indian Government, which is trying vainly to quell growing violence as the Sikh campaign for independence for the Punjab gathers force.

At least three people were killed and 35 wounded in Amritsar yesterday when a grenade thrown by a suspected Sikh militant exploded at a Hindu temple crowded to celebrate *Shivratri*, an important religious festival. Women and children were among the victims.

Police repeatedly fired into the air and used tear gas and batons to disperse a crowd that attacked them with bricks after the explosion.

Before the blast, Punjab and its neighbour state Haryana had enjoyed relative calm after a fortnight of Hindu-Sikh violence which had left 80 dead, more than 300 wounded and more than 80 Sikh militants behind bars.

Train ambush likely to lose Salvador guerrillas support

From John Carlin, San Antonio Grande

The guerrillas' new political-military offensive, announced on Monday to coincide with the run-up to the presidential elections on March 25, has got off to an unfortunate start.

A military action in which eight civilians were killed appears to have set back the guerrillas' vigorous propaganda campaign aimed at discrediting the US-backed Salvadorean Government generally and the upcoming elections in particular.

The guerrillas ambushed a train with 50 civilains and 20 soldiers on board some 40 miles north of the San Salvador on Monday evening. The driver brought the train to a halt, he said, after two mines went off in the track ahead. There followed an hour long-fight with automatic rifles and machine guns at the end of which eight civilians were found dead in the bullet-riddled end carriage of the train.

According to the Defence Ministry, eight soldiers were killed and seven injured. The guerrillas appeared to have suffered no casualties and the rebels Radio Farabundo Marti claimed on Tuesday that they had captued 20 powerful G3 automatic rifles in the action as well as 5,000 rounds of ammunition.

The attack took place in a dusty, desolate piece of countryside, near the small town of San Antonio Grande. The scene that greeted reporters there on Tuesday was horrowing. The bodies of two men, four women and two children were lying on the floor of a railway carriage under the wooden seats, untouched for 15 hours, apparently so that reporters could broadcast the guerrillas' deed to more dramatic effect.

The soldiers' corpses had been removed, however, as the military authorities here are never too eager to publicize their own casualties.

After the television cameras had duly recorded the gruesome scene soldiers carried the bodies out and laid them on the ground side by side.

At that point one young woman suddenly realized that her eight-year-old son was among the dead. She wept betterly, shouting "damn the guerrillas, damn the guerrillas", before her son's sheet-wrapped body.

A little distance away a half naked boy was playing alone. "My mother died on the train", he said. He who did not know how old he was though he did know that his name was Mario.

The guerrillas have always been careful to maintain as clean a human rights record as possible, given their claim to be fighting "a people's war", and it has usually been the Army that has been accused of committing atrocities against civilians.

In the propaganda war, the guerrillas have clearly lost points after Monday's action. The army will be glad to have evidence to provide to the US Congress, increasingly sceptical lately of claims of progress in the field of human rights in El Salvador, that the guerrillas too can play dirty in this war.

Kissinger wants Europe to take over Nato

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

Dr Henry Kissinger, the former secretary of state, has proposed that by 1990 Western Europe should assume the major responsibility for its conventional ground defence.

In a 7,000-word article in *Time* magazine, in which he proposes the sweeping reshaping of Nato, Dr Kissinger says that a European officer should take the traditionally American place as Supreme Allied Commander, probably with a United States deputy.

He also suggests that in the new structure, with its greater emphasis on political coordination, it would make more sense for an American to become Nato secretary-general whenever Lord Carrington decided to retire.

Meantime, "no Western leader is better qualified for guiding Nato's transition than the wise and thoughtful Carrington". Lord Carrington is to succeed Dr Joseph Luns, as secretary-general of the 16-nation alliance.

Western Europe should take over those arms control negotiations that deal with weapons stationed on European soil. The Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF) negotiations and the Mutual Balanced Force Reductions (MBFR) talks should be "Europeanized as quickly as possible, with a European chairman, an American deputy and a mixed, though predominantly European delegation".

Dr Kissinger's thesis is that after 35 years of preserving peace in Western Europe, the Atlantic alliance - confronted new military, political and social realities.

He says that to give new meaning to Western unity, there should be a more significatnt role for Western Europe within Nato, deployment.



Dr Kissinger: "Wise and thoughtful Carrington".

Dr Kissinger argues that if Europe by its own decision condemned itself to permanent conventional inferiority, "We will have no choice but to opt for a deployment of United States forces in Europe that makes strategic and political sense."

If nuclear weapons remained the ultimate deterrent to even conventional attack, a gradual withdrawal of a substantial portion, perhaps up to half, of the present United States ground forces would be a logical result. Such a withdrawal could be extended over five years.

The State Department has not commented on Dr Kissinger's specific proposals, but said that the United States believed that the Nato alliance was healthy, that its structure was sound and that its strategy was valid and viable.

It said that views such as Dr Kissinger's represented his own thinking and were a constructive contribution to the healthy consideration of security concerns.

Farm ministers ooze goodwill and aid

From Ian Murray, Brussels

EEC farm ministers ended their intense two-day negotiating session in Brussels on Tuesday evening oozing goodwill along with an inexplicable confidence in their ability to sort out major Community problems by the middle of next month.

While making no discernible progress on the complex reform dossier they must agree if the European summit on March 19 and 20 is not to fail, the ministers were in such a good mood that they agreed to give aid to tens of thousands of poorer farmers in the less-favoured areas (LFA), to approve aid to hill farmers for another six months and to allow New Zealand butter to continue to be landed in Britain.

These three issues are all contentious and have been blocked consistently by one country or another for months. Agreement on them, however provisional, delighted Mr Michael Jopling, the British minister. He had compaigned for the LFA for 20 years, he said and "this is a great day for me".

The deal would mean Community help for 28,000 more British farmers, raising 1 million ewes and 100,000 cows between them and meant that nearly a third of the agricultural land in the United Kingdom now qualified for EEC help.

As far as the main package of Community reform was concerned, there were less positive signs of progress, but Mr Jopling was far from being alone in predicting that an overall agreement would be possible by the time the agriculture ministers get through the four more scheduled days and long nights of negotiation left before the summit.

Michel Rocard, the French Minister, who is chairing the sessions, again promised that the council would have ready for the summit a package pruned of technicalities and ready for the heads of Government to debate politically. It was largely because they became bogged down in technicalities that the EEC leaders failed to make any progress at the last summit, in Athens.

There is still nothing like agreement on any of the main issues, but there are encouraging signs.

The council – with the inevitable exception of Greece – now seems prepared to accept that there must be a price freeze on almost all agricultural products for the year ahead.

The most difficult and complex issue is Green currency rates, which protect farmers from real currency fluctuations. There is growing support for West German proposals to subsidize ending the system, at a cost of about £250m a year.

Net closes on General Galtieri

From Douglas Tweedale
Buenos Aires

General Leopoldo Galtieri was placed under "rigourous" arrest on Tuesday as the military court trying the officers who led Argentina into conflict moved one step closer to convicting him. The Supreme Council of the armed forces, which first arrested General Galtieri on February 21, ordered him placed under a stricter category of detention, indicating that it has found evidence to suggest he is guilty as accused.

The change in General Galtieri's status, primarily an administrative measure, implies that he will be transferred to a military prison.

The 14 former military leaders being court-martialled in the Falklands case are accused of crimes ranging from negligence to failing to provide assistance to friendly troops, and General Galtieri and three others could theoretically face the death penalty if convicted.

Admiral Jorge Anaya, the former navy commander who was one of the principal advocates of the original invation, faces similar charges, and the Supreme Council must dicide within a day or two whether to place him under "rigorous preventive detention" as well.

The former Air Force commander, Brigadier Basilio Lami Dozo and admiral Anaya were placed under the more benign category of "Preventive Detention" last week.

Hunger strikes worry Solidarity

From Our Correspondent, Warsaw

Solidarity underground leaders have appealed for international pressure to be put on Poland's communist authorities "to protect the lives and health" of political prisoners.

Signed by the four-man Provisional Coordinating Commission and dated Februrary 23 the appeal expressed particular concern about Mr Janusz Palubicki, a Solidarity leader and university teacher from Poznan in western Poland. Mr Palubicki was "in agony" after refusing food for many weeks in Strzelin Prison in southern Poland.

Dozens of Solidarity activists have been on sporadic hunger strikes since December in prisons in Strzelin, Barczewo and Braniew.

The protesters have demanded that the authorities recognize their status as political prisoners and improve access to books and family visits.

Technology in Wales

A look at the efforts being made in the Principality to attract and nourish 'sunrise' industries

Question *Why did the Parrot Corporation choose Wales as the location for establishing Britain's first totally integrated floppy disc manufacturing unit?*
Answer *Because the hard headed American businessmen behind the company discovered the Principality could offer the best deal.*

The decision by Parrot, which hopes to create more than 450 jobs, illustrates dramatically the benefits that Wales can offer to inward investors from both sides of the Atlantic. Before deciding on Wales, the company considered locations in the Silicon Valley, California, the Irish Republic and several European countries.

None of them could match the package and the result is a £7m project for Wales that is likely to be one of the biggest start up venture capital deals seen in either Europe or the United States this year.

Frank Peters, the company's managing director, said it was the availability of the Welsh Development Agency led investment package that clinched the decision.



Cleaner than clean: white-coated workers at Inmos at Newport, Gwent, in the 'clean room', said to be ten times cleaner than an operating theatre

The agency put up a £1m equity investment and was instrumental in negotiating the rest of the financial deal with City investors. Before embarking on the venture, the agency followed its usual practice of putting the company, the men behind it and the market under expert examination.

When it is ready, Parrot will move into a purpose-built 57,000 square feet production facility designed and built by the Agency on a five acre site on Cwmbran Development Corporation's high technology park. From that base, it aims to capture eight per cent of the international market with a production of some 50 million disc units a year.

The company will join a remarkable concentration of advanced technology ventures in south east Wales, including Amersham International, Control Data, Ferranti, Inmos and Mitel. Further west along the M4 motorway Sony has just celebrated the production of the millionth television set at its Bridgend factory.

In North Wales, other companies have followed the lead of such market leaders as Pilkington Fibre-Optic Technologies Ltd. and are moving in to capitalize on the package that can be provided by the agency and Clwyd County Council.

California based Saga Systems has acquired a major stake in Wilcox Computers Ltd., of Wrexham and on the same Agency industrial estate, Intermagnetics (UK) Ltd., has become only the fifth company in Europe to obtain a VHS licence from the Victor Company of Japan.

Investments running into millions

Other companies in Clwyd, such as Kronospan, high technology producers of chipboard have felt confident enough to invest millions of pounds into their plants to the Principality. Pilkington Fibre-Optic, which has just moved into a new 25,000 square foot building near Rhyl has recently won a £500,000 commission from a French company to design and produce opto-electronic sensors to read French lottery tickets.

In Mid Wales, with its easy access to the midlands, smaller companies are thriving, backed and guided by Mid Wales Development which has initiated a wide range of industrial and social projects.

Companies are discovering it is possible to combine high technology operations within a beautiful rural area which offers a life style city dwellers can only envy. From the great and recent deindustrialization of its traditional heavy base industrial backbone of steel and coal, the Principality has quickly emerged as a technology friendly location. Foreign based companies in Wales now employ far more people than the National Coal Board and British Steel combined.

These companies did not come because the managing director liked rugby. Serious people with heavy responsibilities only relocate their concerns or establish new companies if the conditions are right. In the case of Wales, more and more of them are discovering that it can offer a range of advantages hard to match elsewhere.

One of the great benefits is the workforce. Contrary to ill-informed myth, the Welsh do not have a bad strike record. Sceptics can examine government statistics which support the statement.

Almost without exception, inward investment companies have been able to establish a one-union workforce which streamlines negotiating procedures at every level. The people are also dextrous and have proved to the immense satisfaction of such companies as Sony that they can readily embrace new skills.

Companies can rely also on an increasing pool of young people who have a basic mastery of new technology because of the work being done in schools and at the Information Technology Centres run by the Manpower Services Commission. These centres have now been established throughout Wales to provide school leavers with basic computer programming and practical work experience in the production of new technology items.

One asset the Principality provides that money cannot buy is an abundance of clean air which for many high tech companies can be a vital factor in determining where to locate their enterprises.

The land that can provide what's wanted

Another is first class communications providing easy access to markets. From the M4 corridor in South Wales, Heathrow airport is just two hours away and the problems and reports of delays on the Severn Bridge have been largely exaggerated for political purposes. Most of mid Wales is under two hours from Birmingham and the north east has excellent road, rail, sea and air links.

At the base line, companies are not swayed into long term commitment by short term government inducements such as a year's free rent. They are looking for a clearly defined and mutually beneficial financial and technical back-up package with which to establish and expand their operations. Increasingly, Wales is becoming the land that can provide just that.

The Welsh Development Agency now offers inward investors a one stop shop deal where businessmen can discuss every aspect of establishing a new venture.

This can range from the £7m deal arranged for Parrot to backing with amounts ranging from £10,000 to £100,000 from Hafren, the agency arm established to provide funds in risk ventures with high growth potential, particularlly in the field of new technology.

With the aid of WINtech, which is now being established by the agency, companies will benefit from discussing the latest advances in technology with brokers who are specialists in state of the art advances.

In addition, a new understanding is being forged with the University of Wales to work closely with firms on research and Development projects. In Clwyd, NEWTECH will be operating from the centre of the Deeside Industrial Park providing immediate and expert high tech services for companies.

In South Wales, along the corridor, similar expertize will be available to companies at the integrated high technology centre being created at Newport and at the business park at St Mellons, near Cardiff.

New inward investors are now being provided with premises far removed from the old style four walls and a roof advance factories. Cost effective with low headroom and high quality fittings, they are more like offices than industrial production units.

With its range of natural advantages, beautiful scenery, a willing workforce and expert back up facilities, Wales has placed itself in the forefront of new technology enterprises. It is a position it intends to maintain.

Tim Jones
Welsh Correspondent

No trouble in finding the specialists

The Inmos Corporation's Welsh microchip plant near Newport resembles a piece of Habitat-designed Meccano – a building people either love or hate. But this relatively small example of "electro-architecture" sitting in landscaped lawn off the M4 is of strategic importance to the industrial future of Wales.

Its importance is not yet derived from magnitude, commercial success, or the number of people it employs but from its place as a symbol of what Wales hopes to become.

There are some signs however that the enterprise - 75 per cent owned by the Government – is beginning to turn symbolism into cash. In beating off an unwelcome and "derisory" £45m takeover bid from American Telephone & Telegraph, the corporation's chairman Sir Malcolm Wilcox, said the company, which includes two other plants at Bristol and in the USA - was worth at least £200m. More importantly he added that it was moving into profit from a loss of £14m on a turnover of £30m last year.

The turning point, said Sir Malcolm, was reached in the last quarter of 1983. He predicted that a small surplus this year would accelerate rapidly in 1984.

If Sir Malcolm is right – and the manufacture of microchips is a high risk business – it would have an effect on the electronics industry in Wales far beyond the financial health of Inmos. The success of a manufacturer of such a basic component can only succeed in attracting other electronics companies to the Principality.

However the decision to locate in Wales was initially political, rather than commercial. Indeed many senior Inmos people doubted the wisdom of such a course – how could they persuade specialist staff to move to a depressed area?

But the corporation was largely government-owned and the Welsh lobby led by Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, local MPs, and trade unionists, proved to be an effective one. Mrs Thatcher duly announced in the Commons that Inmos was moving into Wales.

But if Inmos was frog-marched over the border, the corporation has been pleasantly surprised since the plant opened in 1982.

Michael Wright, director of corporate services, said the company chose the Newport area as opposed to the valleys to the north and west because it did not seek to be "too important" to the local community.

"We are in a high risk business and did not want to be in the position where if we left, we would have created a disaster," he said. The company sought to play a role in the community, but did not want to feel that it was the major element. The Inmos factory is in a relatively populous part of Wales between Newport and Cardiff.

The only drawback so far has been the Severn Bridge, which says Mr Wright can be "unpredictably congested". Difficulties are sometimes encountered in getting to and from the Inmos plant at Bristol across the river, and in communications with the South-East in general, and Heathrow in particular. Inmos received with some relief the news that the Government intends to spend money to ractify the situation.

"But the strong advantage of the location," says Mr Wright, "is the fact that we have managed to recruit some great people who are enthusiastic as well as highly competent."

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No compromise over creating jobs

Making certain of success

e Welsh Development Agency ı just spent £10,000 on dis- uraging an American robotics npany from setting up in the ıncipality. As he fingered the ty report which led to the ection, Alan Sutton, executive ector, marketing, said the ney had been well spent.

"For when we say no, we do ı professionally, and that reases our reputation among mpanies. We decided the rticular product line of this mpany would not have given a reasonable chance of cceeding given the advanced ite of robotics in other parts Europe."

But the report will not be con- ned to the waste bin, for it ovides the agency with a first ıss assessment of the robotics dustry and a detailed break- wn of all the competitors in e field. When other companies that business approach the ency, it will be in an excellent sition to give them a quick id expert analysis of their ccess potential.

The story illustrates vividly e professionalism with which e agency approaches the task job creation in an area which ıs suffered more than most om the run down of traditional avy industries.

In spite of an economic imate which still blows cold, e agency refuses to compro- ise on the care with which it pproaches any company wish- g to establish itself in Wales. Ir Sutton said: "We are in the sk investment business but ope that our approach assures at when we say yes that mpany has a better than even hance of succeeding."

"And the more professional e are, the more the City will be illing to put up money to back rojects".

It is a strategy which has ained international confidence. here are now 200 overseas companies represented in the Principality, employing more than the coal and steel industries put together.



Alan Sutton: professionalism comes first

But the agency, acutely aware of the rapid advances in product manufacturing, is not resting on its laurels and has decided to set up WINtech, which will act as its own expert high technology arm.

Working closely with the University of Wales, it will assist existing companies to translate new ideas, products and processes into reality and give investors expert guidance.

A director for WINtech is about to be appointed and he will have under him three brokers who will each be masters of one of the high technology disciplines. They will be familiar with the latest state of the art developments and as important, know where to go for the information they do not possess themselves. Mr Sutton said they will not be bureaucrats and they will spend at least 70 per cent of their time out of the office talking to companies.

The brokers will have no illusions, for last year the agency's management and technical advisers undertook more than 5,100 interviews and visits to help the owners and managers of small firms with business problems.

In addition, successful businessmen supported the agency's counselling service by holding more than 3,100 sessions for newcomers and fledgeling enterprises.

The decision to establish WINtech was taken after a report on its feasibility was prepared for the agency by Deloitte, Haskins and Sells.

There was a recognition that the supply of and demand for knowledge-based job opportunities must expand if United Kingdom workers are not eventually forced to accept wage rates comparable with those in newly industrialising countries.

The report also made the point that there has, in the past, been a considerable gap between the acquisition of scientific knowledge by universities and its practical application for industrial development.

More than 100 experts were interviewed for the report and on the basis of their response, the agency is confident that a new and mutually beneficial link can be forged between the universities and industry.

WINTECH

"In the past," said Mr Sutton, "there has been a problem in getting both sides to work together because of the conflict which sometimes exists between academic scientific research and commercial needs."

Essentially, one of the prime functions of WINtech will be to strengthen the existing industrial base by plugging companies into the university system for expert assistance in updating their technology.

In addition, the "leading edge skills" possessed by the five colleges of the University of Wales can be a powerful argument in attracting new investors.

Small companies in particular are sometimes thwarted from embracing new innovations necessary to strengthen and maintain their market position because of the huge expense of research and development. By talking to the brokers and working with the universities, they will be able to progress technologically without the huge financial outlay involved in establishing their own research departments.

University College of North Wales, Bangor, has already set up its own company which provides design, development and consultancy services for high technology projects. The other four colleges of the university each specialize in skills ranging from microbiology to state of the art microelectronics.

Mr Sutton said: "In the past, too many of our young experts have popped across the Severn Bridge and their departure has meant a shortage of the right people for companies coming the other way into Wales. We hope our new links will soon redress that situation".

Apart from a clearly defined relationship with the colleges, the existence of WINtech will greatly assist the efforts made by the newly formed WINvest team in its task of winning more industrial projects from overseas.

Under WINvest, all the overseas promotional work which used to be undertaken by the former Development Corporation of Wales and the inward investment activities of the Welsh Offices's Industry Department and the WDA have been brought together to provide an internationally competitive one stop shop for all potential investors.

Its approach will be aggressive and single minded. Mr Sutton said: "We will identify the companies we want and tell them exactly why we feel they would thrive and prosper in Wales. We pinpoint them and then go out and chase them".

With WINtech providing high grade technological expertize that pursuit will be made easier for the whole operation combines to promote the Principality as a "technology friendly" location. Once WINtech is properly established, it will be particularly active in ensuring that new technology based firms receive continuing management support during their most vulnerable early period.

It will also consider establishing a whole range of back up initiatives, ranging from a Welsh Research Register, which firms can use to find the experts they need, to special grants to sustain the most promising business ideas.

People who live in Wales have long since learned to smile at the coal tip image because they know it is not true.

But the entrepreneurs did not come to the Principality because of its beautiful scenery, its golf courses and golden beaches. They came because a number of favourable factors combined to persuade them that Wales could provide the best possible package for their companies.

T.J.



Girls working fast on the production line at Dragon Computers, Port Talbot

A great future for electronics

One of the biggest companies in the sector in Wales is stockmarket high-flyer A.B. Electronic Products whose unlikely origins lie in an engraver's shop in Camden, North London.

The organisation grew up with the primeval electronics prewar and has now become a high-technology multinational with its head office at Abercynon, near Merthyr Tydfil – some would say an equally unlikely base for a fast-growing company with a £40m turnover.

But Henry Kroch, chairman and chief executive, argues that the adaptability and energy of local people, the environment and the crucial existence of the M4 motorway together with preferential grants make Wales an ideal area for the electronics industry.

His company, which he is confident will exceed a £100m turnover within the next two or three years, is about to announce further expansion to its five plant network in Wales, which already employs 1,800.

At one stage A. B. Electronics was 95 per cent dependent on home entertainment products – that proportion is now down to 5 per cent.

Around 38 per cent of group sales in 1982/83 involved products for the data processing industry, while other highly sophisticated components are made for the motor industry, for defence and telecommunications.

The company's current financial health follows a loss of £1m in 1981. Its current commercial buoyancy is partly the result of a long-term multi-million pound contract to supply components for the IBM personal computer for markets in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

The contract has resulted in more jobs and Mr Kroch is confident that with two other important products under its belt – a switching system for the new XJ40 Jaguar and the BBC's Acorn computer – there will be other opportunities in future.

The life blood of the industry is pure reasearch – an expensive and time-consuming activity, but Mr Kroch hopes to develop relations already existing with the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology and University College Cardiff.

"We would like to have access to some of their equipment, which is not used all the time. This could be of immense benefit", he said.

Apart for Abercynon, A.B. Electronics now has branch factories at both Dinas and Porth in the Rhondda, Abercarn and Rogerstone in Gwent and is also developing a new factory at Gellihirion, Pontypridd.

Another electronics entrepreneur with few doubts about moving to Wales was Terry Matthews, one of the founders of Mitel, which has set up a factory at Caldicot near Chepstow.

Mr Matthews has returned to the Land of his Fathers, having gone to Canada when his employer, British Telecom, showed little interest in his ideas.

Now Mr Matthews' plant as Caldicot sells PABX telephone switchboard systems to British Telecom, as well as to markets in 25 other countries.

One of the arguments deployed by James Driscoll of the Welsh Development Agency in persuading the company to go to Wales, was the abundance of labour. They were not disappointed.

The plant was inundated with applicants for the 730 jobs available. There were 20 applicants for each vacancy, 10 of whom were interviewed.

Alan Horne, director of product management, estimates the average age of the workforce at Caldicot at around 26. "They have responded extremely well. They are highly motivated and involved in the company. They all have share options and the majority take them up."

The company does not recognize trade unions, but Mr Horne believes there is no need for them. "We are an upper quartile payer and we have created conditions and an environment which our people appreciate."

He pointed out that each employee has Bupa medical cover, free life insurance and all are on the same pension scheme.

A number of new products are envisaged over the next year, including the Kontact Workstation, which is an information and communication system for use by managers.

The workforce is scheduled to go up to 850 by the late spring.

Another 300 jobs is coming to Wales courtesy of the Comdial Corporation which is moving into two sites at Cardiff.

The bigger site will be a telephone factory – one of the first such plants to be built in Britain for many years.

Comdial, which owns its own semiconductor plant in America, hopes to produce a million telephones a year by next year.

Ray Vickers, chairman of the British company and a vice president of the American group, said his organization conducted a detailed survey of Britain before deciding on Cardiff. They looked at Scotland, the North of England, North Wales, London docklands and Kent.

"We saw that there was a budding infrastructure of electronics companies in that part of Wales. We looked at who else was there and found Ferranti, British Telecom, Inmos, Mitel and the plastics industry training board. We also noted the reputation of the two university colleges in the area."

Dragon Data, formerly a subsidiary of Mettoy, also emphasizes the proximity of other companies in the same business. "Apart from anything else, it means we can hire and borrow specialist equipment with the minimum of difficulty," said a spokesman.

Dragon, which makes computers at its plant on the Kenfig industrial estate near Port Talbot, was bought from Met-

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The specialists

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Concern that highly qualified staff would not move to Wales has proved virtually groundless. Between 75 and 100 highly specialist staff have been recruited from outside the area. There are also a number of specialists in the 400 drawn from Wales.

The Newport facility, which was planned as a high volume, high quality, low cost plant, has based its business thus far on the 16K Static Ram, which is the basic chip for computer manufacturers.

The company has also entered the market for 64K Dynamic Rams which are memory microprocessors for high speed computers.

It is also keeping its eye on the technological horizon with the development of the "transputer", which it believes is a significant innovation in the industry. This device will handle as many as 10 million instructions a second and it is hoped that it will be in production in Newport at the end of this year, or early next.

The Inmos transputer combines processor, memory, input and output on the same chip, giving the power of around 100 average home computers, according to the company. "It is the device from which next generation computers will be built", says Inmos.

To match its space age technology, Inmos has negotiated what it regards as an equally avant-garde labour relations agreement at Newport in an area which is known for strong trade union traditions.

The Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union has negotiated a sole recognition deal in return for what amounts to a "no-strike" pledge.

The union is a participant in a radical organizational structure which seeks to maximize communication and involvement. Any disputes between the company and the union which cannot be settled internally, are automatically referred to the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service which is called on to act as a binding arbitrator with a brief to come down on one side or the other – so-called "pendulum arbitration".

The one cloud over the Newport plant – as it is over the rest of the corporation – is the uncertainty over its ownership. The Government, as part of its privatization programme, is anxious to divest itself of a company which has cost it £115m in loans and grants.

Mr Wilcox is anxious that the company remains in British hands, now that the bid from A T & T seems to have been successfully rebuffed. He will find strong support for his crusade at Newport.

Barrie Clement

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The counterpunch that pulled in high-tech

It is no accident that Wales can offer to incoming high technology companies some of the best business complexes available in Britain. For the strategy of providing them has evolved from hard lessons learned when the Principality was reeling from the hammer blows of mass redundancies as steel plants at Shotton, Llanwern and Port Talbot slimmed down.

Before that great decline, unprecedented in the industrial history of Wales, the Welsh Development Agency had been pursuing a successful policy of building advance factories throughout its area. Companies were attracted to the region partly by attractive government financial inducements even though some of the sites were not ideally located and therefore more difficult to market.

But the economic winds that blew cold in Wales were also effecting the rest of the United Kingdom and the realization grew that jobs could not be created merely by setting up advance factories and waiting for customers to turn up.

Graham Roberts, the agency's property marketing director said: "Warning bells began to sound that you could not continue to try stemming job losses simply by creating new floor space. It was clear that if we continued at that rate we would be building more factories than we could let."

By the time the full flood of unemployment hit Llanwern and Port Talbot, the bells were ringing loudly and even the £48m provided by the Government for the agency to throw up more floor space was received with professional misgivings.

It was, said Mr Roberts, beginning to dawn on a lot of people that the sheer number of factory closures in the UK made it increasingly difficult to intice new industrialists into Wales. There was also another problem. As the old bulwark steel industry closed plants or shed jobs and as other major employers retrenched the nature of industry was changing.

With alarming speed new technology in all its forms was beginning to emerge with all its specialist requirements. Mr Robert said: "It became clear that some of the factories we were offering were not suitable for high technology and specialist companies. To put it bluntly, you cannot operate in a sophisticated and highly competitive market from a shed! The Agency then began to move away from a supply led strategy and embarked on a detailed examination of the benefits Wales should have for attracting inward investors.

It undertook an original piece of research, since copied in London and elsewhere, which identified the requirements of the new knowledge based industries, from factories to funding. This research illustrated that high technology growth in the UK was mainly engendered by smaller scale projects which tended to grow rapidly. These companies wanted floor space that was clean, cost effective and flexible.

Adopting an aggressive stance, the agency surprised companies by approaching them directly and asking them exactly what they needed.

The result is that the new premises being provided are the next best thing to purpose designed units although they too can be provided.

The most dynamic growth area for new technology in Wales is along the M4 corridor from Newport in the east to Bridgend and beyond in the west. Two hours from London, with rents and service charges that are dramatically lower, the ribbon is extremely attractive to any inward investor.

For the corridor, the icing on the bun will be two major developments which are currently being undertaken. At St. Mellons, near Cardiff, the WDA is creating a business park. Set in a green field campus setting, it is specifically designed to appeal to science based industries engaged in researching, developing or producing clean sophisticated products.

At Newport, Gwent, an intergrated high technology centre is being developed in another pleasant parkland centre. Companies setting up on these two sites will have the advantage of being able to co-operate with the two university colleges in Cardiff on their research and development projects.

Companies closer to Swansea will be able to co-operate with the innovation centre which is being established established on the university college campus.

The agency has established a new technology arm, WINtech, which will forge close links between industry and the University of Wales to assist companies provide state of the art products.

Local authorities such as Mid Glamorgan County Council have also established science parks specifically designed to attract the new sunrise industries.

If South Wales reeled before the shock wave of steel closures, north-east Wales fared no better. The rundown of Shotton steelworks resulted in the overnight loss of more than 7,000 jobs, making it the largest postwar industrial lay-off in Britain.

In typical fashion, Clwyd County Council refused to be intimidated and has counterpunched to spearhead with the agency one of the most exciting high technology ventures in Europe.

Working with the agency and the Deeside Enterprise Trust, set up by the British Steel Corporation, the council was instrumental in supporting NEWTECH, which was formed at the North East Wales Institute, Connah's Quay.

When its new purpose built premises is ready, NEWTECH will move to the Deeside Industrial Park, directly in the centre of new technology firms who will locate there. Most of the money is being provided by the agency with the council providing the other third.

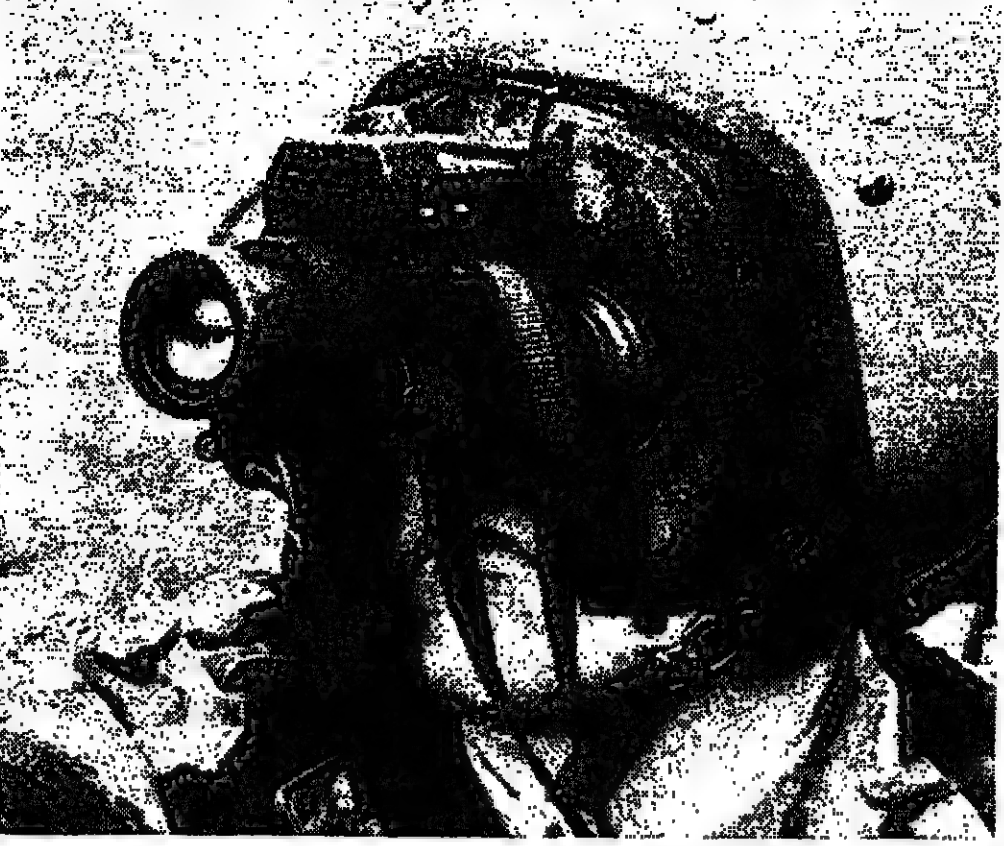
The advantages will be enormous for NEWTECH operates an open door policy which enables companies to have immediate access to experts with whom they can discuss their research and development programmes.

Dr John Allen, the institute's dean of research and innovation hopes that NEWTECH will become self-supporting within three years.

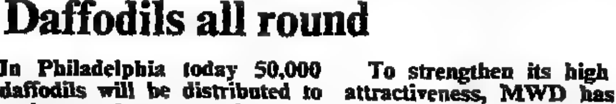
There is enormous expertize within the NEWTECH team for the Institute's research division has been engaged in national and international programmes of applied research since 1975. Its current work includes biotechnology, polyelectrolyte chemistry, food science and materials and corrosion science.

NEWTECH has the additional enormous advantage of having access through NEWI to hardware and research-facilities that is simply out of the financial reach of many small companies.

T.J.



● Pilkington Brothers have three ultra-modern facilities making up a highly specialized enclave in the St Asaph area of North Wales. They are all part of the group's electro-optical division Pilkington PE, which employs 700, concentrates on the defence market and is the main supplier of night vision equipment to the British Army. Pilkington PE reports a significant pick-up in world sales since the Falklands conflict. It is also moving into holographic optics for both military and commercial use. An offshoot of this division nearby has set its sights on extra-terrestial equipment. It is currently making a cover glass for solar cells used on satellites. Also nearby is Pilkington Fibre Optic Technology, which employs about 50, working largely on fibre optics for data transmission. The picture shows one of PPE's general purpose night vision goggles.



Daffodils all round

In Philadelphia today 50,000 daffodils will be distributed to make people aware of Wales. The flower power approach is part of an aggressive three months promotion being launched in Pennsylvania to attract new technology industries to the Principality under the theme: "Try a country town in Wales".

There are already a number of American companies in the Principality and Mid Wales Development, who are spearheading the promotion with the Welsh Development Agency, intend to tell other companies why they should also cross the Atlantic.

From Newtown in the North to Ystradbynlais in the south, the MWD has already assisted more than 30 high tech companies to establish themselves successfully in the beautiful and undulating rural countryside.

To strengthen its high tech attractiveness, MWD has just started work on developing a science and technology park of land close to the campus of the University of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Eventually there will be up to 16 high quality units built of 2,000 square feet each. New and innovative firms on the site will be able to work closely with the university on their research and development projects.

Closer to the border work has also begun on the St Giles technology park at Newtown.

Not all incomers demand new buildings for Professor John Landon of St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, one of the country's leading biochemists, has received MWD assistance in converting an old milking parlour into a modern research centre.

T.J.

Working hard, the Sony way

At seven-thirty every working morning a stream of buses and cars arrive at the Sony plant on the Bridgend industrial estate. They are carrying the entire 1,000 strong workforce.

And at four o'clock each day the seven hundred production line staff depart leaving the management and engineers to carry on for another two, three or more hours. It's a routine Sony are justly proud of and for industrial relations manager Alun Jones it is symbolic of the company's outlook.

Born some 40 miles away in the Rhondda and now the company's longest serving British staff member, he is at pains to stress that wherever they are located, firms stand or fall by their own efforts and he is dismissive of the "touch of Oriental magic" explanation for Sony's success.

"Any success can only be achieved by hard work", he says. "Long hours are the norm here. From a practical point of view there's no advantage whatsoever in the early start but it is the tradition and it is a very strong discipline".

He had few regrets about the company's experience in South Wales and Sony's record of accelerating production figures and expansion, culminating in the millionth Trinitron TV set coming off the line recently, is testimony to their achievement since setting up in 1973 with less than 250 people.

Alun admits that originally the political pressures to move to a development area were "difficult to refuse" but anyway the firm was attracted by the region's excellent communications with London and, particularly, Heathrow.

The M4 formed a vital link with their distribution centre at Slough, their main market of London and the export outlet of Heathrow, the only suitable airport with links to Japan.

Aided by government and Welsh Development Corportation grants, Sony were also impressed by the premises on offer. "We wanted a plant built and looking as if it was built to modern specifications, not a 1943 Nissen hut, and we got the premises to go with our image", said Alun Jones who joined the plant at the outset.

He also stresses Bridgend's good industrial relations record which gave the lie to the popular image of militancy in the area, an image which is still a problem for the WDA and Welsh Office today.

Battling against such prejudices has proved Alun's biggest problem. He said: "A folklore has built up of rather aggressive, boozy, rugby playing miners who live in 'quaint but clean' cottages, sing in choirs and eat leeks all day. The image, frankly, is not of hi-tech".

"It is a myth. It has been very difficult to correct an image formulated over twenty or thirty years. It's a problem facing the WDA and Welsh Office and the worst thing is that in a very few places it is almost true".

"As a result, it's taken time to attract the infrastructure we need. The smaller feeder companies, people who aren't afraid to be in an underdeveloped area and so on".

The firm has also benefitted from the high speed train link with London, a valuable aid in combatting travel fatigue for managerial staff, but they are less enthusiastic about the region's airport at Rhoose, near Cardiff.

Sony bemoan the lack of routes outside Europe but another company, Siliconix, who produce silicon chips at Morriston, West Glamorgan, have found a use for Rhoose. Though generally using Heathrow as an inlet and outlet, they use the Cardiff strip's customs facilities to avoid delays at the larger airport.

Operations manager Bob Edwards said: "We weren't entirely happy with using a big airport because the busier the airport the less personal attention you get. You can end up with goods being left in some corner for a couple of days without anything being done about them".

With the exception of the tempting grants, Siliconix's motivations in coming to South Wales in 1969 were rather different from Sony's.

They point to strong links with Swansea university's microelectronics department and the unstinting help of Swansea city council.

The American-owned company, who celebrate their fifteenth birthday in Britain this month are less apprehensive about the area's image than are their Japanese counterparts.

"It's very useful to be located in an attractive area like this", said Bob Edwards.

Both companies are quick to praise their Welsh workforces and are proud of their industrial relations records. Siliconix say that in fifteen years they haven't lost a minute's production through disputes and Alun Jones at Sony believes that is representative of hi-tech firms throughout the region.

But he is at pains to stress that the Japanese character of Sony's British operation has been exaggerated. "This plant cannot be run in the same way as a plant in Tokyo because there are different cultures and equally, techniques that have worked for Sony wouldn't necessarily work for other firms", he said.

Kieran Daly

Fine for electronics

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toy by a six partner consortium and established as one of the largest privately owned companies in Wales.

The success of its home computer Dragon 32 is destined to become as important to Welsh electronics folklore as the original dragon is to traditional culture.

Brian Moore, managing director, says the company now has a turnover of around £18m with about a nine per cent share of the market.

"Within a single year Dragon Data has moved from being a newcomer in the field to being recognized as one of the leaders in the home computer market in Europe", said Mr Moore.

Dragon Data is 42 per cent owned by Prudential Assurance, with another 23 per cent stake retained by the Welsh Development Agency.

Richard Wadman, sales and marketing director, said: "With the launch of the disk drives, the Dragon 64 and the establishment of a noteable software list we feel we have now consolidated upon our early success and established ourselves as a leading force in the industry."

Cambridge-based Torch Computers has in some sense gone out on a limb with its sole factory at Caernarfon. It is a long way from its administrative base.

"Communications are difficult", said Bob Gilkes, chairman, "but the benefit we derive from the location is the excellent service and support we enjoy from the people there."

In fact one of the company's own products, an electronic mail system, is invaluable for linking the two locations.

The Caernarfon plant employs 25 people turning out between 600 and 1,000 computers a month priced at between £700 and £5,000.

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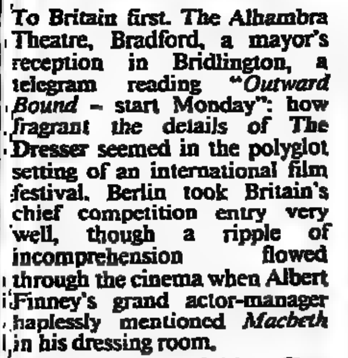
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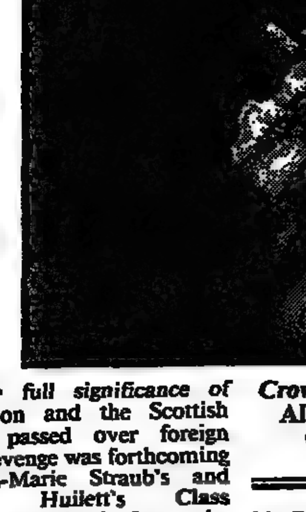
Cinema: Geoff Brown at the Berlin Festival

Gold in an emotional whirlpool

The jury for the Berlin Film Festival, chaired by Liv Ullmann, have just delivered themselves of a prize-list both sober and surprising. John Cassavetes's latest emotional whirlpool Love Streams (soon to open in London) won the Golden Bear; the Straubs' ennervating Kafka-based Class Relations dutifully received a special mention. Albert Finney's theatrical gusto in The Dresser captured the actors' Silver Bear. Ettore Scola was chosen best director for his confident handling of Le Bal.

Other Silver Bears were scattered among the Greek *Rembetiko*, the West German *Morgen in Alabama* (a cogent, thoughtful thriller) and a dark Argentine comedy, *Funny Dirty Little War*. The weirdest allocation was the actresses' Silver Bear, shared between the Russian Inna Tschurikova (for *A Front Romance*) and Monica Vitti, star of a lacklustre piece of fluff called *Flirt*. Perhaps Miss Vitti won the prize for simply looking youthful, which she did, splendidly.







Crowned with a Silver Bear: Albert Finney with Tom Courtenay (right) in *The Dresser*

To Britain first. The Alhambra Theatre, Bradford, a mayor's reception in Bridlington, a telegram reading "*Outward Bound* – start Monday": how fragrant the details of The Dresser seemed in the polyglot setting of an international film festival. Berlin took Britain's chief competition entry very well, though a ripple of incomprehension flowed through the cinema when Albert Finney's grand actor-manager haplessly mentioned *Macbeth* in his dressing room.

All told, the British films proved a strange assortment. **The Memory of the Camps** – the much-publicized survey of concentration camps made in 1945 with the perhipheral involvement of Hitchcock – popped up one bright morning to depress audiences with its unrelenting parade of dead, mangled, starved and burned bodies. "Damned ghastliness", says a padre on the spot – a tragic case of British understatement.

There was also the world première of **State of Wonder**, shot in three hectic weeks by the Argentine-born Martin Donovan. This fey fable about peace, war and human understanding promptly induced a similar state among the spectators. Why, we pondered, was the golden-haired hero called Pichirica, and how did one spell it? How was finance forthcoming? Yet we kept on watching, warmed and entertained by the film's touching naivety, a rousing pop song, and the appealing new presence of Annie Chaplin, Charlie's youngest daughter.

If the full significance of Bridlington and the Scottish tragedy passed over foreign heads, revenge was forthcoming in Jean-Marie Straub's and *Daniele* Huilett's Class Relations, derived from the Kafka novel origninally published as *America* (*The Lost One* is now the preferred title). For the Straubs strip cinema bare of every enticement – striking imagery, colour, gesture, emotion – leaving only an unscalable mountain of German words. The thin dramatic line describes the immimgrant herd's path through a maze of injustice, but the plot matters less than the maddening pile-up of flatly expressed dialogue and the solemn rigmarole with domestic props – lanterns, hats, suitcases, umbrellas. The Straubs certainly capture that crushing weight of the ordinary so essential to Kafka's world, but they achieve this at the expense of crushing even the most sympathetic spectator.

Those of us panting for opulence reaped our reward with Perca Adlon's **The Swing**, adapted from a lengthy episodic novel by Annette Kolb. Here the diet was if anything too rich: succulent images set the screen ablaze in a manner scarcely seen since Bergman's *Fanny and Alexander* (the cameraman here is Jürgen Martin). There are similarities, also, in subject-matter, for we follow the fortunes of a nineteenth-century middle-class Munich family through hardships both economic and emotional.

Previously, we knew Adlon for the small-scale exactness of his Proust film *Celeste*, but in *The Swing* he handles large forces with equal precision. The camera prowls through ornate studio sets with the confidence of a lordly cat, scene upon scene pinpoints the characters with wit, elegance and love, whether they be eating, arguing, showing off the holes in their socks or dancing to the "Emperor Waltz". There are flaws: a 133-minute film needs more dramatic bite, and Anja Jänicke, as the tomboy daugher, mugs too much. But, in a festival conspicuously short of seductive films, only a churl would complain too vigorously.

As the days wore on, the festival's sheer bulk and variety continued to daunt and amaze: one discovered interesting films through a combinatiion of hot tips, curiosity and serendipity. Assiduous reading of the small print helped, too. Tucked away in the market section, for instance, was a banned Jiři Menzel film, **Snowdrop Festivities**, based on a novel by Bohumil Hrabal (author of *Closely Observed Trains*). This bucolic tale of obstreperous villagers began brightly, then quickly sagged, but it was good to see it.

Even the forbidding Mediterranean panorama produced one gem, the Turkish **Remedy** directed by Serif Goeren (who supervised the shooting of *Yol* for the imprisoned Yilmaz Güney). *Remedy* is softer and slighter than its predecessor but it shows the same fascinatiion with isolated communities and perilous wintry journeys. The story concerbs a midwife stranded in a village by fierce weather. Plot contrivances set in with the snow, but Goeren carries the film to victory with his eye for figures in landscapes and his evident love of physical challenges.

Minor disappointments included Allen Fong's **Ah-Ying**, Hongkong's competition entry, drawn from the real-life beginnings of its petite, gifted star, Hui So-Ying. The human sympathy that radiated through Fong's *Father and Son* shines as strongly as ever, but the rambling structure causes problems. After good glancing looks at the heroine's restrictive family life, the film starts treading water, and the central relationship (between the girl and her drama teacher) turns static. Throughout, more weight and shape are needed, though the director's fond regard for his characters provides much quiet pleasure.

The festival's thundering disappointment, alas, was Samuel Fuller's French production **Thieves After Dark**, shown in an English-language version (with over-emphatic dubbing). This is the tale of young unfortunates trapped by circumstances – among them an appalling script, unhelpful actors and a director working well below his best level. Here and there intercut close-ups hint at the Fuller who produced the powerful *White Dog* two years before, but the whole is a disaster best forgotten.

Operetta

Fantasy wed to reality

The Merry Widow
New Theatre, Cardiff

Twenty minutes after the curtain should have gone up on the first night of Welsh National Opera's new *Merry Widow*, it was announced that the computerized switchboard had failed and there would be only one lighting cue for the first act.

It must have been a nightmare for Andrei Serban, producing, and for the lighting designer, Jennifer Tipton, but, for the audience who knew not what they were missing, there was little to worry about. For, from start to finish, this is quite the merriest *Merry Widow* around for some time, with costumes (Jacques Schmidt and Emmanuel Peduzzi) which radiate their own kaleidoscopic light and movement, and dance routines (Kate Flatt) which have an irrepressible digital programme all of their own.

The master of ceremonies, introducing the overture, heralds too the production's super-theatricality. The first act, with its wide curving staircase, begins in a flurry of mock-carnival dances, balloons and red and white flag-flutters, and ends in a wind-drift of confetti. Illusion is all; fantasy and reality are inextricable; character is negated in attitude.

So far so good; but there are already one or two danger-signs: too much clichéd choreography, the obligatory pieces of high-church camp and the time-worn device of projected news flashes ("Party-wise you ain't seen nothing yet"; "Bankrupt Balkans go down dancing").

The mirror-flanked space of Act II reveals a production spending just a little too much time looking at and admiring itself rather than Lehar. Every set-piece now has a little screen-projection of its own. This heavy leaning on the visual aid not only anaesthetizes by superfluous translation but is a telltale sign of the short-lived energy of idea and response.

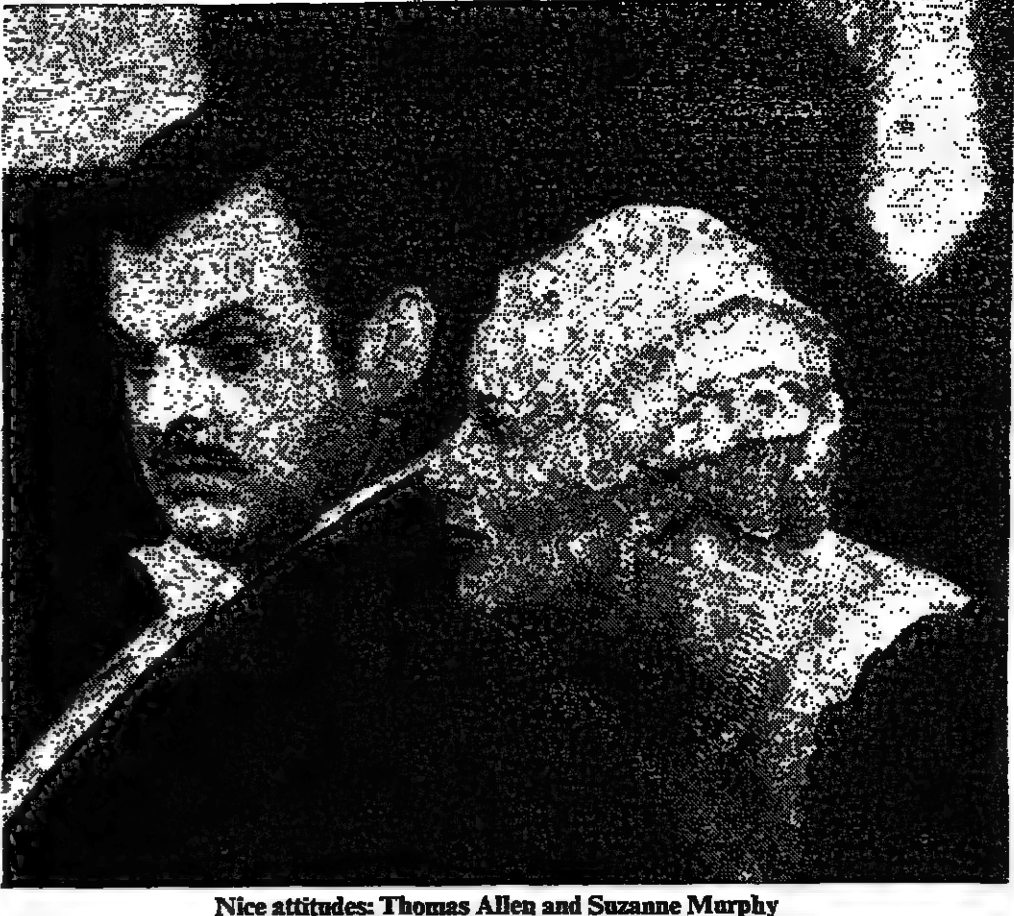
"Vilja" is framed by a screened poster design and animated by a rather tacky pas de deux (and you need not think you have seen the last of them: they appear later to help us understand Danilo's narrative). Even more gruesomely, the summer-house duet is backed by a juicy bit of Beardsleyesque erotica, animated in turn by a silhouetted dancer who seems to have strayed in from the beginning of television's *Tales of the Unexpected*. In the final act, sheer panache, colour and an energy fired by a combination of aerobics and Pan's People hurtle things on to the final *reprise*.

But, of course, there is something else here. The last duet between Hanna and Danilo maintains nicely the attitudinizing of their relationship. Thomas Allen's singing performance has all the potential for a broader, deeper characterization than that which he is permitted. Suzanne Murphy, on the other hand, needs both stronger and finer physical and vocal presence to ride to full stature in this sort of production.

While it is a treat to have the eye, and the energies of the entire company, kept so busy, the ear is constantly distracted from many of Lehar's own purely musical directions, despite spirited work in the pit from the WNO Orchestra conducted by György Fischer. That it is very much a company production is, however, one of its greater strengths; and the fact that individual characterization counts for little does nothing to discredit the performances of Robin Leggate and Kate Flowers as a hard-driven Camille and Valencienne, and Thomas Hemsley as a vintage Baron Mirko Zeta.

Hilary Finch

Clive Barda



Nice attitudes: Thomas Allen and Suzanne Murphy

Theatre

A Streetcar Named Desire
Mermaid

It will be time enough to celebrate the rebirth of the Mermaid when its new management start originating their own shows. But no booking house could hope for a more auspicious reopening than this transfer of Alan Strachan's superb Greenwich Theatre production.

Having missed it last September, I cannot say whether it has improved since then; but it certainly does more than any previous version I have seen to rid Tennessee Williams's play of its lingering reputation as a hot-house growth and reveal it as a masterpiece. It is as intensely personal as anything he wrote, yet – unlike his other Louisiana plays – the setting is not claustrophobically exotic, but a central meeting ground of High Street, America: a battle-field between the old Southern gentry and the raw urban immigrants, echoing with the Spanish, French and Negro voices which Williams has succeeded in unscrambling from the melting-pot.

The lack of privacy, that drives poor Blanche to her prolonged retreats in the Kowalski bathroom is integral to the entire piece. And Bernard Culshaw's two-level set, ground floor apartment backed with gauze walls, operates simultaneously as a trap and as a place of imaginative release.

The text is supported by an intricate Storyville sound score: sometimes closing in on the desolate heroine with the raucous voices and coital exclamations of the neighbours; sometimes converting the place, on her own terms, into a zone of magic and recollection; sometimes, as with the spectre of the old Mexican woman selling flowers for the dead, and the clanging of the streetcar itself, projecting the action into a form of theatre poetry comparable only to Lorca.

The story of a fragile, aging beauty ripped out of her protective shell and hounded into madness by insult, rejection and rape is unarguably sadistic; any audience would feel cheated if Stanley did not finally get his brutal date with Blanche. Sadism, however, becomes intolerable only when it turns human beings into objects; and the achievement of Mr Strachan's casting is to exhibit the characters in alternating aspects as aggressors and victims, always retaining full and detailed individuality. Duncan Preston's Mitch, for instance, is not simply an aging mother's-boy; he is, as Blanche recognizes, the gentlest person she has met, easily hurt as she is (see that mouth set into a sulky scowl in the early scenes) and almost ready to be talked round into marriage before reverting to type.

The Kowalski household comes over with near-balletic control of the simultaneous performances areas, and with maximum ferocity, as in the poker fight with the radio hurtling out of the window and Stanley's fists pounding his pregnant wife. The strength of Paul Herzberg's Stanley is that you can see him from the viewpoint of either of the two women: a volcanically whole-hearted lover to Stella and a barbaric destroyer to Blanche.

In Clare Higgins's Stella you see the calm survival of one who can adapt to the melting-pot; in Sheila Gish's Blanche the tragedy of one who cannot. What Miss Gish does not do is to present Blanche as a fragile blossom. Slapped down in virtually every scene and bouncing back for more, she is resilient and courageous even in her delusions; while at the same time exhibiting more absurdities than that of a would-be enchantress under dim lighting. She also tries to play the elder sister, the mother and the schoolmarm. Southern-belle inflexions giving way to uncontrolled matronly throbbing, and pounding assertions of authority.

There is no attempt to make the character ingratiating or intensify its pathos. Watch that brilliant smile switching on and off like fairy-lights. Miss Gish shows her for what she is: and when she speaks her final line on the "kindness of strangers" it is as though she is stating her own formula for survival in America.

Irving Wardle

Words and Music
Ambassadors

After Victoria Wood, a pretty hard act to follow, come Benny Green "and friends" – an ominous phrase promising at best unstructured bonhomie and at worst anecdotal indulgence *à la* Ned Sherrin. Bookcases flank the Art Deco suite on which Mr Green, and friends, sit with their champagne glasses: bookcases stocked with well-loved tomes about Academy awards and the history of musical comedy.

Despite the ostensible theme of composer-lyricist relationships, this will clearly be an evening of Tin-Pan Alley lore, Sigmund Romberg's plagiarisms from Vincent Youmans, emigrés' quaint English ("I can deliver my sketches at the drop of a bucket ... just you mock my words"), what Oscar Levant said to George Gershwin and what George said to Oscar.

During these long recitals, delivered by Mr Green with barely a pause for breath, the twinkling Denis King sits patiently on his piano stool, Elaine Delmar looks on with the impassive grace of an ebony carving and Toni Kanal gazes with a loving and tolerant smile.

Just to make the show more unstructured still, one of the great lyricists is also a great comic novelist, and Mr Green has written his biography. So we take off into one-liners from Wodehouse, suitable gobbets delivered as solo scenes by Miss Kanal, and even gossip about the pig-loving ninth Duke of Devonshire.

Apart from a comic alternative version of "Blue Moon" Miss Kanal does not sing, but Miss Delmar does and, as veterans of *Cowardy Custard* will not be surprised to hear, brings the greatest pleasure of the evening: perhaps not "Mad Dogs and Englishmen", which was never in her line, but "Dream a Little Dream of Me", "Along Came Bill" and "Mad about the Boy".

Progressing from Wodehouse to the Shuberts to Wodehouse to Coward to Wodehouse, we wind up with an unknown Plum lyric revealing that Jeeves was born in Brixton, curiously located in "London S.E.". All quite diverting, at times: but what a difference between a *Lucky Bag* of fizzing original songs and a host, however endearing, going on at his favourite subject, which had better be yours too.

Anthony Masters

Television

Stardom in the marketplace

Did you know that some mornings Channel 4's *Video Box* stands empty, its attendant waiting in vain to assist Disgusted Tun Wells in her anti-blasphemy crusade, zoophiles wanting to put the boot into *Jack's Game*, and comedians and close-harmony quartets moving up their path to stardom? Well, you know now, and you know what to do.

These are strange times. The half-p is dropping in the national consciousness almost as slowly as it is in the bemused minds of the broadcasting monopolists, but drop it certainly soon will: television no longer belongs to Them. Everyone can star, at least for a minute or two, and anything (so long as puppets are not rude abut royalty) can be said.

Anticipating by a year or two the full flowering of this happy state, Open Space (BBC2) recently set up its cameras in Swindon's central shopping precinct, and invited all comers to make a two-minute broadcast to the nation.

A forthright lady called Angela Tuckett came on first, with not so much a stream as a torrent of consciousness. "I'm shaking my fist", she began, though at whom or what was never clear. It was a speech rich in alliteration ("bashed by Beeching the Butcher"), by turns intensely personal ("Hallo Bill Alec Arthur"), nostalgic ("You now never see the 13,000 different trades on their bikes") and philosophical ("Because we're on the way to harmony and peace, or, putting it to music..."), and finally bursting into song.

Next came a man with a harmonica, then a girl guide describing her new troop's search for a badge, then a blind lady urging her fellow-sufferers to make use of sighted helpers, then an elegy for the half-p murdered by Nigel Lawson ("Farewell little cupro-nickel coin"). Then came a divorced former parent with a dense and detailed plea, then the Freeze Feet Crew (agile black gyrators), then a graceful and serious dance by some teenagers with Down's Syndrome, then the unemployed demanding a decent wage ("for all, in or out of work"), then a Rasta demanding reggae music from Wiltshire Radio ("And tanks to I-an-I God") and then, after some pointed and sensible political messages, a man from local cable television who indicated the limitations of the whole well-meaning exercise.

Last night The Other Half (BBC1) was Tony Garrett, who lives with Sir Angus Wilson. How many heterosexual marriages are as happy and productive?

Michael Church

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SPECTRUM

Chemical boosters are now part of the international sporting scene. The line between legitimate use and abuse is fine and only random testing can enforce it. **David Miller** explains how the Olympic cheats operate

Tracking down the drug-runners



In 1973, testifying to a United States Senate Committee, Harold Connolly, the 1956 Olympic hammer-throw champion, said that in the American team of 1968 there were athletes who had so many puncture holes for injecting drugs that it was difficult to find a fresh spot to give them a new shot. He added: "The overwhelming majority of the international athletes I know would do anything, and take anything, short of killing themselves to improve their athletic performance."

Connolly admitted to having himself been "hooked" on anabolic steroids for eight years, after winning his gold medal. At the 1983 conference in Britain of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, Mike Winch, an international shot-putter and member of the International Athletes Club, alleged, without implicating himself, that the medical threat to the health of athletes was now greater than it had ever been. Yet there is only one sport, rowing, in which the international federation has already initiated random drug testing – the only certain means of deterrent.

Random testing is of paramount importance, not only to eliminate cheats for medical as well as sporting "safety", but to legitimize those athletes, in particular women, who may unfairly come under speculative criticism.

Dr Leroy Perry, a Los Angeles chiropractor who has treated Olympic athletes around the world, is sceptical, for example, about world record breaker Jarmila Kratochvilova of Czechoslovakia, who won both the 400 and 800 metres in Helsinki. He recently told the *Los Angeles Times*:

"I believe her condition now is a physiological impossibility from what she was five years ago, and I don't care how many times she works out. That is *not a normal physiological female* body. I've treated Olympic female athletes in 34 countries . . . but I've never seen a body like that. I can truthfully say that I think there is something chemically different about her physical make-up, and it hasn't come from weight-lifting."

In 1979 Kratochvilova, who failed to qualify for the European championship final the previous year at 27, had a 51.47sec best for 400 metres. Five years later, she became the first woman to beat 48secs. Miroslav Kvac, her coach, attributes the improvement to increased work-load, especially weight-lifting.

But Dr Perry insists that while East Germans and other Czechs are using advance treatment with the male *hormone, testosterone, Kratochvilova* could not have achieved her physical changes in five years by any means *other than* "through an act of God". Random testing would have removed any possiblity for such qualified but speculative accusations. Kratochvilova has of course a femininity certificate (issued after chromosome test of hair follicle) and there is the fact that the *western culture of feminine perception*, expecially American, rejects the more muscular woman acceptable in other societies.

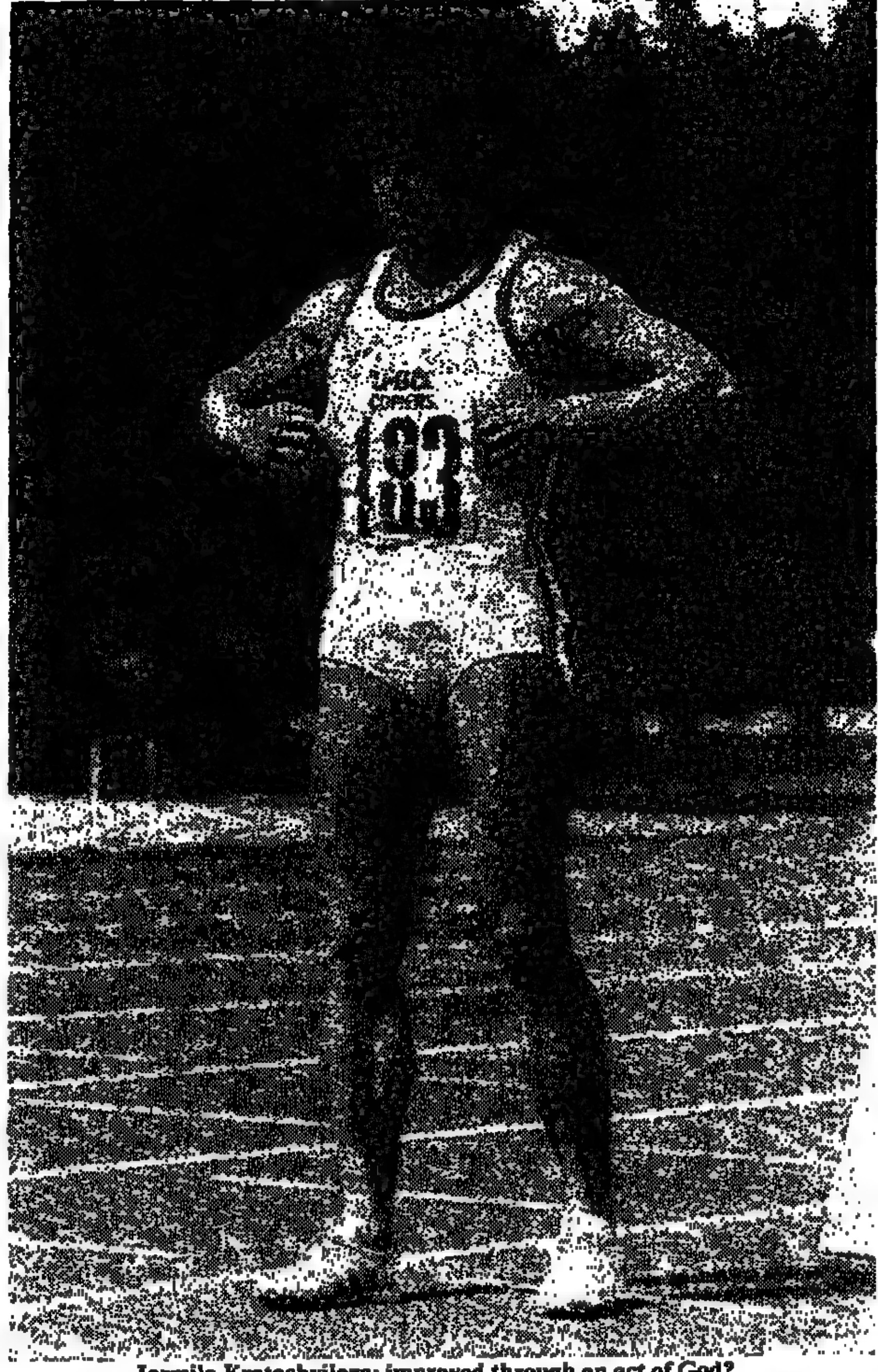
Yet when an American woman coach can say "It's my honest belief *that 75 per cent of women in the* American team are not taking drugs", she is only proving precisely what she *is seeking to deny: there will be a high* proportion of drug abuse in the Los Angeles Olympics.

However, Prince Alexandre de Mérode, chairman of the IOC medical commission, thinks that the gap between the *limits of medical testing* knowledge and what the athletes can still use undetected is being reduced. "*We shall be testing for the presence of* abnormal quantities of testosterone in both men and women in Los Angeles", he says.

In experimental tests made in Cologne in 1981 on unidentified samples taken from competitors at the Moscow Olympics, more than 20 per cent were found positive for excess of testosterone – not on the list of proscribed drugs in Moscow – and predominantly among women. The sharp decline of the Soviet Union's achievement in long-distance Nordic events in Sarajevo compared with Lake Placid and East Germany's tiny entry of only three athletes for the European indoor championships at Gothenberg next week, suggest that testing is taking its toll on abuse.

Prince de Mérode succeeded Sir Arthur Porritt as medical chairman in 1967. His lineage goes back across 800 years of Belgian, French and German history, though is by no means a merely aristocratic window-dressing to the IOC's aura. An ex-parachutist and deep-sea diver with the Belgian forces, a cycling and rowing enthusiast, he disarms sporting audiences by the informality of his manner and dress. What he has above all is that detachment from the forces of self-interest.

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Jarmila Kratochvilova: improved through an act of God?

"*It is essential that the IOC* preserves its moral power and its financial independence", he says. "We *cannot exist without either.* Without money, the Olympic movement is nothing. Our position has changed over the past 16 years, and it has to change carefully, but we could not survive on our finances as they were in 1968. I believe that by paying expenses of six athletes and officials of every country to attend Los Angeles, and nearly £3m for the foreign judges and referees, we are better able to stay free of politics. Of course, the negotiations with a company such as Adidas are delicate, but we must do it."

While most people would agree with the demand at the Baden-Baden congress in 1981 by the new athletes commission, which includes Sebastian Coe, for a life ban of convicted drug-takers, Prince de Mérode is more *cautious, insisting that the work of the* medical commission must be towards positive as well as negative attitudes: *that athletes must be shown how they* can escape from the temptations of drug-aid.

"Cheating will go on to the end of the world", he admits, "but our job must be as much to expose the health dangers, of depression, of glandular and cardio-vascular damage, as to ban people. We know that there is blood-doping, the re-injection of the athlete's own fortified blood, which cannot be detected; but do the athletes know that it is only three-tenths effective, and has the risk of accident?"

While he agrees that the reinstatement of positive-proved offenders by the International Amateur Athletics Federation is not good for the image of sport, he is of the same opinion as Professor Arnold Beckett, one of the *foremost researchers in the field at* Chelsea College testing laboratory, namely that ignorant competitors *manipulated by coaches or doctors* must not be totally condemned. As Beckett says: "We don't want to crucify those not responsible – kids who didn't know what they were doing, but it's a difficult and narrow line."

The prevalence of drug-taking was emphasized by the positive tests, and by widespread sudden withdrawals by athletes before competing at the Pan American Games in Venezuela last autumn. At a recent press conference an American journalist asked Prince de Mérode whether he thought such testing, which had been unexpected by some, was fair. There is general belief among an American public neurotic with suspicion of Russia, that drugs must be taken to stay in the political race. The fact is that American athletes, who have never previously been subjected to domestic testing, are among the world's worst offenders.

It is with his views on restricting the work-load of athletics training that Prince de Mérode is most radical. There is too much competition for the human body to endure, he suggests, and training should be limited by regulation, just as it is in other forms of working employment: a 25 hour week? He argues:

"In sport there is no time limit, but administrators must become interested *in this factor.* Certainly, it is a type of social regulation. But so is 'saving' money, with the trust funds now *allowed under* Rule 26. We must think of such things. There cannot be absolute freedom even in the rights of *a professional sportsman*, any more than there are in medicine, or piloting an aircraft."

Prince de Mérode follows the thinking of the new definition of the Olympic ideology: that, within the right framework, the rich should not be excluded any more than the poor. "An instrument of social promotion must be consistent. Everyone *is somewhere* on the line from absolute amateur to complete professional. We have to evolve. What is important is that we should discover more, physiologically, to assist the athlete to improve, to avoid injury."

He is emphatic that random testing must ultimately become the standard practice, but does not believe the IOC can control it. There is the question of the reliability of the laboratory – whether it is professionally free of financial or political interference. At present there is no accredited laboratory in Africa or South America; in North America only one (in Montreal) *prior to that in Los Angeles for the* Games.

"Every competitor should be tested regularly, but the laboratory must be trustworthy, technically and politically. I believe the initiative must come from the international and national federations. Belgium is already random testing for all Olympic sports. It will always be a question of principles versus practicality. How do you know that an unknown who suddenly wins a marathon has been random tested throughout recent years?"

Professor Beckett says that researches are almost ready to test for the use of the human growth hormone and gonadotrophines, *though as with other* hormonal excesses, the advantages are short-lived. The medical commission was receiving the latest research reports in Sarajevo. We can be sure both drugs will be present in Los Angeles.

moreover... Miles Kington

Pearls of the Jewel

Well, *was* India like the country portrayed in *The Jewel In The Crown* or wasn't it? The best way to settle the question is democratically: that is, by printing the best of our readers' letters or the subject.

From Marinda Gupte

Sir, May I say at the outset that that is not my real name? I have merely adopted an Indian-sounding name in order to get this letter printed. I worked in India for many years. I have also spent a long time watching the ITV broadcast of *The Jewel In The Crown* on Tuesday evenings for an hour and also the repeat on Channel 4 on Sunday, and I may say that it seems to reflect life in India very faithfully. In the small town where I lived there was absolutely nothing to do, so on a *Tuesday evening some of us used to* get together for an hour's amateur dramatics. We used to do the same again on Sunday, especially if some of us had missed the Tuesday session. So you see, it could not be closer to the real thing.

From Prince Ali Hassoon

Sir, May I say at the outset that that is my real name, but my friends call me Bunty? Thank you. I spent my youth in India, ending up at the smartest university of the day, where I am afraid I did not do much work but drifted into the company of various gilded youths and led a rather sybaritic existence. After various family *complications my life was changed* dramatically by the war, as well as by the unexpected deaths of some of my friends. So I am not entirely competent to judge the accuracy of *The Jewel In The Crown*, as I never met that sort of world; what I can vouch for is the unerring accuracy of *Brideshead Revisited* as a picture of pre-war India.

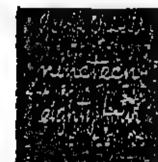
From Stanley Goodhope

Sir, Everyone has a different picture of the Raj, for the very good reason that they all had different vantage points. Who is to say who is right or wrong? Is the peasant more or less right than the commanding officer? My own experience *is a case in* point. I worked on *The Jewel In The Crown* as Assistant Deputy Graphic Artist. *(My job was to do some of the* more boring bits of the credits. One of them, I remember, was "Assistant Deputy Graphic Artist. . . Stanley Goodhope", though this was actually cut out in the final version.) The production company was like a vast empire, with people like me never so much as seeing the producer or director, and certainly never coming into contact with the actors. I was simply part of the toiling work-force, unaware of the overall pattern. In fact, until I saw the programme, I had no idea it was set in India. I trust my point is clear.

From Oliver Pundit

Sir, I am not surprised that *The Jewel in The Crown* is thought to be inaccurate. I *myself watch a daily serial on BBC called The Nine O'Clock News* which purports to be a picture of life in Britain today, *and it seems to bear no relation to life as* it is really lived. It features nothing but motorway crashes, trade union clashes, angry politicians and natural disasters. I have lived in Britain all my life and have never seen any of these things with the exception of a tree that fell down in my garden in 1978, and broke a plaster gnome. I did not know who does the research for *The Nine O'Clock News*, but they are sadly misinformed. My real name, by the way, is Guptar Mahatra, but I thought an English name would be best for this letter.

Growing optimism



One in five British adults say they have read Orwell's *1984*; two in five could recall who had written it, a recent MORI poll for *The Sunday Times* reports. Twenty seven per cent of Americans recently told Harris they had read it. In 1949, when the book was published, 48 per cent thought another world war was likely in the following 25 years and 20 per cent thought it was unlikely, according to a Gallup poll carried out that year. In 1983, the number of optimists who think a world war is unlikely has doubled. A majority (59 per cent) of Labour supporters expect a war, a majority (52 per cent) of Conservatives do not.

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Privacy fear



The fiftieth anniversary of the National Council of Civil Liberties is, ironically, taking place in 1984. Half of the public believes the Government keeps too much information on people, 59 per cent believe that some trade-union leaders' phones are tapped and 85 per cent are opposed to the police having access to files containing information on citizens who don't have a criminal record. These findings came from a MORI poll in December, 1983.

Gallup has added an interesting dimension to these questions, finding:

● *Seventy two per cent of Britons believe there is no real privacy because the Government can learn anything it wants about you: only 38 per cent of West Germans believe this.*

● *Two thirds of us believe the Government uses false details and statistics to hide bad news while only 26 per cent of West Germans believe this.*



Life on the breadline

Poverty level

Greenwich Borough Council has released the findings of a MORI poll which found one person in four in the London borough is living in poverty, compared with the national average of one in seven. Nearly 1,000 people were questioned and were assessed as "poor" if they were lacking three or more essentials as defined by the national survey as necessities, mainly food, accommodation and clothes. The 24 per cent figure means that 50,000 Greenwich residents are living in poverty, compared with 14 per cent in the national survey, Breadline Britain, conducted for London Weekend Television.

Active left

Further to last month's finding showing that 7 per cent of the population in Britain is left-handed. They are not only twice as likely to be in the upper social category (AB) as in the lower (DE) but more likely to be Daily Mirror *readers than* Sun *readers,* Daily Mail *readers than* Daily Express *readers, to make speeches, be elected officers of organizations or clubs and generally play a more active socio-political role in society. They are twice as likely to believe that the Government should be paying attention to the environment.*

Worry swing

Many people in Western Europe are worried that if the US puts new nuclear missiles into Western Europe, there will be a nuclear confrontation here, between the US and the Soviet Union, which could lead to a nuclear war. Americans were *asked in November if they* shared this worry by Harris, for the *Chicago Tribune*. Fifty seven per cent said they did; 39 per cent said they did not. This was a "worry" swing of 4½ per cent since March. An even greater shift was measured by the percentage of people who said they were "very concerned" in November by the possibility that the world would be plunged into a nuclear war, up 12 points from the 47 per cent in their March survey.

Media bias?

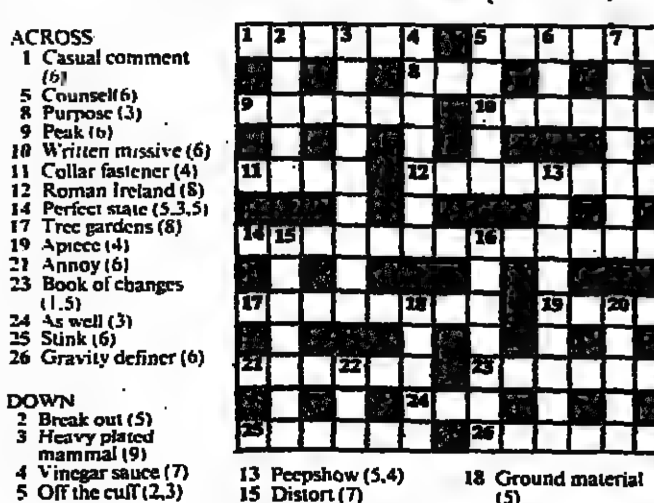
More than half of trade unionists believe the media often report union affairs unfairly and 47 per cent believe that, in general, unions are treated less fairly by the media than by employers and the Government. Over half (55 per cent) believe that TV and radio reports of union affairs are more reliable than newspaper reports.

The Daily Mirror *is seen by trade unionists (38 per cent) as pro-union; 4 per cent as anti-union. The* Daily Express *is seen as most anti-union (29 per cent) by trade unionists, 17 per cent of whom believe* The Times *to be anti-union against 2 per cent who say it is pro-union. Very few trade unionists believe that ITV is pro- (5 per cent) or anti- (8 per cent) trade unions. But while 3 per cent say BBC TV is pro-union, 11 per cent believe it to be anti-union, according to a MORI poll conducted in November/December for the town hall union Nalgo.*

Robert Worcester

The author is the chairman of MORI. Details of fieldwork, dates and samples are reported in British Public Opinion Newsletter, *published by the firm.*

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12 Roman Ireland (8)
14 Perfect state (5,3,5)
17 Tree gardens (8)
19 Apiece (4)
21 Annoy (6)
23 Book of changes (1,5)
24 As well (3)
25 Stink (6)
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BOOKS

Professor Nicholas Lash of Cambridge reviews the sermons of his Chancellor

The Duke as homespun humanist

Men, Machines and Sacred Cows
By The Duke of Edinburgh
(Hamish Hamilton, £8.95)

Helicopters and conservation, fuel technology and propaganda, polo and the mind-body problem: the range of topics treated is reminiscent of Pope Pius XII's propensity to discourse upon every subject under the sun from the existence of God to Italian bee-keeping. But whereas the Pope supposed himself capable of treating all these subjects with some authority, the Prince is more modestly aware of the fact that, on most occasions, his audience is likely to be better informed on the matter than he is.

As a peculiar kind of public figure with strong views on many fundamental social issues, Prince Philip is in an impossible position. He is expected to say something. He wishes to say something. And yet, if he said what he wanted to say too specifically, he would be accused of having made a "political" and hence (according to the conventions of the myth) an improper intervention.

The effective technique which he has evolved for coping with this situation relies heavily upon his talent for being pithily, almost epigrammatically offensive, while softening the blow with a nicely self-deprecating irony; beneath the snap and crackle of the prose, the essential shyness of the man comes through.

Twenty-five speeches and addresses are grouped in four sections, which might be marked: allegro vivace, maestoso, con brio, and andante. The four light and witty pieces in the third movement have entertainment, rather than instruction, as their aim (this is where the helicopters and the polo come in.





Prince Philip: having to say something on horses and philosophy, on cabbages and King's

Much more measured and magisterial, the items in the second and fourth groups (dated between 1951 and 1983) are lectures and addresses to various professional and academic bodies. Especially in the second group, entitled "Science and Natural History", the sense of well-briefed "balance" is so strong as to make them, at times, uncharacteristically dull. The final section, on "Engineering, Technology and Design", strikes a rather more personal note. Here he returns, again and again, to what is perhaps the most important theme in the book: his exasperation at our lunatic depreciation (expressed in social attitudes and educational systems) of engineering, technology and design.

Labels (as he reminds us) are misleading. Yet philosophers, like everybody else, inevitably get labelled. Prince Philip the Homespun Philosopher (whose voice is most clearly heard in the first movement, on "Men, Computers and Sacred Cows") is a humanist, an individualist, and a rationalist.

As a humanist, he insists that structures are for people, not people for structures, and deplores the extent to which "we have gained in knowledge of the outside, of external nature, at the expense of our knowledge of the inside, of our own hearts and minds". As an individualist, he believes that "it is not the national economy which decides the circumstances of the individual, it is the other way round".

The Homespun Philosopher is most impatient of theory (except in the natural sciences) and prefers to proceed by aphorism: "ignorance is a great begetter of pride". He is a rationalist in the sense that, while acknowledging the world to be complex, he seems to suppose that its complexity is purely technical, and patent of "rational" solution.

As a political analyst, he is not at his best. All social systems, we are told, "are either the consequence of natural evolution or they are the product of a personal theory". The latter kind include many horrid things associated with Napoleon, Marx, Hitler, Allende and the Ayatollah. We are not told to which group the American Constitution belongs, but we can take comfort from the fact that "the British Common Law and Parliamentary systems are the product of natural evolution".

"It is", His Royal Highness admonishes, "so tempting to allow a little prejudice to slip in or to indulge in a bit of malice". This book would have been much less interesting had he himself resisted these temptations.

Woodrow Wyatt reviews our GOM of letters

The broad sweep of history

A History of Britain and the British People
Vol 1, Set in a Silver Sea
By Arthur Bryant
(Collins, £12.50)

Sir Arthur Bryant's aim is to interest us in our history and make us proud of it. He writes it like a novel, though the characters and events are not fictitious but carefully researched. His previous books have covered separate periods not linked together. Now he has had the happy idea of writing a short (relatively) history of the British people from start to finish as a continuous narrative in three volumes.

This is the first and very enjoyable it is. Like the next two volumes to be published later, it draws on much that Sir Arthur has written in his other books. The advantage is that the gaps are filled in and there are no breaks in the story.

I wish he had written a little more about the earliest times in Britain. The Roman occupation is dealt with too briefly to have the same impact as the more detailed chronicle of the period between William the Conqueror and the end of Richard II's reign.

Nor has he gone far into pre-Roman history. He speaks of the stone circles at Avebury and Stonehenge as having lasted 30 centuries. Avebury was begun nearer 55 centuries ago if not more. And recent archaeological research would give less importance to the Beakers than Sir Arthur does; and more credence to the view that some of the Belgae walked across the narrow piece of land joining England to the Continent, before it was washed away 10,000 years ago by the great flood caused by the pressures of diferent sea levels on either side of it. It is when Sir Arthur reaches King Alfred that he really gets going. Till then he is a bit sketchy.

Sir Arthur seems to favour Thomas Becket against Henry II. He writes about both so airily and vividly that my sympathies go to Henry II. Becket really was a tiresome priest who did not render unto Caesar those things which are Caesar's. If Henry did not precisely order his removal he should have done. Becket was made a saint for interfering with the proper administration of his country, not on spiritual grounds, but to uphold the temporal power of the Pope.

The story of the British ownership of Bordeaux and its consolidation by the Black Prince is well told. We held the area for three centuries, longer than we ruled India. I should have preferred never to have lost the former than ever to have held the latter. Possibly, as a member of the Saintsbury Club, Sir Arthur feels the same. It was the British who developed claret and who to this day know more about it then the French. Bad luck for the French that the Plantagenets never occupied Burgundy.

Sir Arthur is a patriotic historian. He shows the British in all their bloody-mindedness but argues that they are better than anyone else. He deals not merely with kings and high officials but with the common people, how they lived and thought, and how they began to force their freedom from their rulers.

He is as good on social history as he is on military campaigns. His account of the rebellion led by Wat Tyler and the dirty trick played on him by Walworth, the Lord Mayor of London, is compelling. It would make an excellent basis for a TV series. Indeed, beginning with poor King Harold who nearly survived fighting on two distant fronts at once, the whole book would. Meanwhile it is a pleasurable way of absorbing history painlessly: a triumph for a historian aged 85 who takes in the broad sweep, without losing the road, in the manner of Gibbon or Macaulay.

Woodrow Wyatt

The Middle of a War

Home and Dry
By Roy Fuller
(London Magazine Editions, £8.95)

A summary of these memoirs sounds jejune. They cover the petty war service of a Petty Officer in the Fleet Air Arm on remote radar postings in Africa and England, as far removed from the great events as a medieval peasant. The author is insomniac, shy, an anti-traveller, and a respecter of rules and authority. His memory for names, faces, and facts is hazy. Was Ruby Ring the name of a safety razor or a brand of women's silk stocking? Many of his concerns are dim botherations in which readers may well not feel deeply engaged. It will help them to have read the previous two slim vols, to which there are frequent references.

Roy Fuller: A Wry Smile at war

Pace this bald summary, of course, the memoirs are more vivid and evocative of the war than most other books about the period in which more dramatic events occur. The poet's memory for facts may be imprecise, but his recall of impressions is exact. Roy Fuller was not quite a war poet. He saw only the waiting-rooms and back corridors of the fighting. But with irony and affection he recaptures the atmosphere of that lost time, when service life provided a society, like that of Powell or Proust, where coincidence was an ever-surprising commonplace. The memoirs are especially good on the sub-editor's tricks of memory, and on the connexion between experience and some of the best poems written during the Second World War.

Philip Howard

Stately measures?

The Aeneid
Translated by Robert Fitzgerald
(Harvill Press, £12.20)

If the *Aeneid* is as boring in Latin as it is in English, a translation that was not boring would, I suppose, be false. Let that origination come quickly, for the work (including Dryden's version) is so boring that no one can doubt Octavia fainted while hearing Virgil read it, or that when he lay dying the poet wanted, but lacked the will, to burn it in manuscript.

The *Aeneid's* hero is a pious yah-yah whom Achilles would have killed with a blink; its message is a justification of world conquest; its hopeless hope, to rival Homer; its intention is to flatter its sponsor: and its sponsor was the lout who exiled Ovid. On what can the poem's fame depend if not on the scholars who make their names and some of their money out of it?

Those, like me, who fail to like Fitzgerald's *Aeneid* may well have lost their wits.

Try it. Book I: Zeus reassures Venus about Aeneas's eventual fate.

Your children's destiny has not been changed.
As promised, you shall see Lavinium's walls
And take up, then, amid the stars of heaven
Great-souled Aeneas. No new thought has turned me.
No, he, your son – now let me speak of him.
In view of your consuming care, at length,
Unfolding secret fated things to come.
In Italy he will fight a massive war,
Beat down fierce armies, then for the people there
Establish city walls and way of life.

It's no good, is it? To make something of this miserable review, allow me to recall an instance of Virgil's power over English life.

In the first half of the eighteenth century a fanatical admirer of Virgil called Triptolemus Yellowly decided to manage the estate he had just inherited according to the principles laid down in the *Georgics*: ploughing nude by moonlight, copulating in the furrows, haystack frolics after parsnip wine – those of you who live in the countryside will know exactly what I mean. Greatly to the disadvatage of all concerned Triptolemus was a soul of great physical beauty, generous, charming, obstinate, much loved and trusted by his people, who followed him, and Virgil's instructions, to the letter and to ruin. Leaving their wasted land, Triptolemus and his people sold themselves into slavery and were shipped to America. Perhaps there was a Fitzgerald among them.

Christopher Logue

Knave, fool, but also Nazi

Dönitz
The Last Führer
By Peter Padfield
(Gollancz, £12.95)

Peter Padfield, sea-officer turned historian, had dropped a pattern of depth-charges plumb on top of the legendary image of Dönitz. Commander of U-boats, Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy, Grand Admiral, and Hitler's appointed heir to the last-ditch leadership of the Third Reich. That public knowledge of so significant a figure should have depended, for almost 40 years, upon cosmetic conspiracy reinforced by autobiography is astonishing. One can only say that the markedly different story now unfolded has the ring of truth and must affect not only the verdict of history upon the character and propensities of Karl Dönitz himself, but upon the causes, the conduct, and even the consequences of the Second World War.

Since 1945 Dönitz has been remembered, even revered, as a zealous, admittedly ruthless but outstanding naval leader – an officer and a gentleman who felt in duty bound to serve his country as best he could despite a political leadership with which he was not in sympathy; and, when the end became inevitable, the only man with sufficient authority to effect the unconditional surrender of Germany to the Allies. What we have been looking at, it now appears, is the self-portrait of an artist in *suggestio falsi* and *suppressio veri*. The real Dönitz, far from being untainted by the Nazi creed and its excesses, was known in his service as "Hitler-boy".

Indeed, when Dönitz replaced Raeder as C-in-C of the Navy (at Raeder's suggestion, be it said) in January 1943, he quickly gained Hitler's support for the intensification of U-boat warfare, as affording the best prospect of victory in the west. Not only was his strategy of attrition wrong in principle, but in pursuing it the German Navy (and Air Force) completely failed to prevent the Normandy landings.

It is evident, from this fully documented and well-written book that Dönitz, if not the worst of the knaves, was certainly not the least of the fools.

Ian McGeoch

Gay Firth reviews the fiction of the week

The angst of being a star

The Anatomy Lesson
By Philip Roth
(Cape, £8.95)

A Curious Street
By Desmond Hogan
(Hamish Hamilton, £8.95

"You're the famous writer. You wrote the dirty book." Well, yes, you could put it that way. Philip Roth does. Well, he would, wouldn't he? The ring of truth, flashing inside a flashy, fragile ring of confidence and wild laughter, has always been his stock-in-trade.

The Anatomy Lesson, successor to *The Ghost Writer* and *Zuckerman Unbound*, is his last, least successful, but by no means tiresome dispatch from the war zone that is Nathan Zuckerman, American Jewish novelist, American Jewish pain in the neck. A tragical-comical torrent of words seeks here to show the literary life as living death; books as bonds, words themselves as a torment. Clashing symbols, Wailing Wall imagery, and high, hilarious moral outrage take Mr Roth – not so much crying as kicking and screaming – most of the way to the bank. You have to hand it to him; and you have to laugh.

Lying prone on a child's plastic playmat, head propped on Roget's *Thesaurus* as a last-ditch attempt to ease a crippling, uncontrollable pain in his neck, now invading every nerve end of his physical and mental anatomy. Zuckerman finds much less than nothing, to laugh about. "Vocationally obstructed, physically disabled, sexually mindless, intellectually inert, spiritually depressed," he has more problems than you could shake a stick at; especially being Jewish, American, and a novelist – *Oculamity!* – more financially than critically successful.

Scarcely less terrible afflictions include being 40 years old; addiction to drugs and vodka; and hair loss by the combful. Two parents are dead, three wives divorced; four female playmates pester him sexually on the playmat. Properly neurotic readers, especially the millions who are also Jewish American novelists, will spot in a trice that "the only other American who seemed to be in as much trouble" in 1973 was Mr Nixon, President, engulfed by Watergate.

It says as much for Philip Roth's relative freedom from engulfing obsession as it does for literary craftsmanship that in the nick of time – over halfway through a relatively long novel – *The Anatomy Lesson* and its pupil rise like Lazarus from the playmat in Newark, N.J., and begin to live and move and have their being. The style becomes ever more manic; occasionally maddening. But the action takes off PDQ – to Chicago, America's Second City, Zuck's Alma Mater. He is going to re-enrol; determined, on his second crack at life, to be a doctor. Obstetrics is his chosen field. "Who quarrels with an obstetrician? He catches what comes out and everbody loves him."

It does not quite work out that way, of course. And Chicago is no Lourdes, although it contains an inferno of suffering; not all of it – Zuck begins to notice – his own.

Nel mezzo del cammin di nostra vita
mi ritrovai per una selva oscura,
che la diritta via era smarrita.

Well, Mailer ran for Mayor of New York, didn't he? Hemingway shot himself. Philip Roth drops his hero – and thee, and me – back into life with a chance: a sharper, more critical path of identity.

If there is a degree of indecency in his frantic exposures of human frailty, fantasy, and self-disgust, there is always a greater degree of human decency and dignity; always more to admire than to be offended or irritated by. When *Goodbye, Columbus*, *Portnoy's Complaint*, *The Great American Novel*, and the rest become obsessive to the point where you begin to worry about who – if not you – may be going blind you should reach for your security blanket and carry on reading. Mr Roth is not, perhaps, A Great American Novelist, but he is still a pretty damn good one: skilful, shrewd, grounded in seriousness. That we should be so lucky . . .

Without suggesting that Desmond Hogan should be less serious than he is obsessive on Irish themes, it will take more than a little bit of luck to sort out a style in serious danger of drowning his seriousness to death. Perceptions of Ireland ancient and modern – myth and reality beautifully mingled in his short stories – wash in and out of his new novel like flotsam and jetsam, on a flood of obsessively indulgent prose.

The Daysman
By Stanley Middleton
(Hutchinson, £7.95)

On the face of it, John Richardson is a modest, modestly impressive man. He does not claim – as Owen Glendower claims – to be able to call spirits from the vasty deep, but there is something of Glendower's provincial self-importance, second-rate wizardry, and actual distance from reality in this sane, sensible headmaster; stable, affectionate husband and father; go-between and confidant to the unstable, the distressed, occasionally the desperate. An admirable, even an enviable figure. Writes books and stuff about education, too. Good on TV. But faithful readers of Stanley Middleton, who did not begin to write 23 quiet, subtle, infinitely various novels yesterday, may feel a familiar edginess round the back of the neck. It may be and probably is the case that sensible, caring John Richardson, *The Dayman*, the mediator, is actually about as helpful as a hole in the head to people much less sensible and humane, certainly, but possibly much more human; people who, having holes in the head of one kind or another already, are unlikely to notice or care that John Richardson and his like – "This is a fearful dilemma, but I can't see any advantages in delay" – can be humbugs, often horrible ones; sometimes downright dangerous.

And then again, we may be wrong. After all, Joanna Richardson, John's sane, sensible, ever-so-slightly astringent wife seems very fond of him. Fond enough, anyway; and not, it seems, fooled. Joanna says: "The trouble with schoolmasters is that they think all problems are soluble. They aren't." That's what Joanna says. And it really isn't anyone's fault that Veronica Brooks, persuaded to take her three A-levels to university rather than a deadend job kills herself a few days later.

From counsellors, educators, pundits, pontificators, and long-leggety beastie headmasters, Good Lord, deliver us. Failing this, Stanley Middleton can and does. Implacably ordinary, with no surface hint of the fey, the abnormal, or the outlandish, he remains one of the very few writers writing in English for whom, if he bothered to call them from the vasty deep, spirits would probably come.

Tom Hutchinson discusses science fiction

Tycoon in future space

The Steps of the Sun
By Walter Tevis
(Gollancz, £7.95)

The American Dream is different things to different dreamers. To Billionaire Belson - a tycoon out of his future time - it's a chance to escape his own neurotic self-regard by finding an analgesic without after-effects, and non-radioactive uranium to power his country which, through lack of fuel, is subservient to the Chinese. He achieves his aims on the planet to which he is transported but, returning, finds that the American authorities have dreams of power which do not coincide with his own.

Writen with a sure grace and suave momentum, the space journey here is, really, a journey into the interior of Belson's own past which furnished him with an entire gymnasium of hang-ups. His ultimate redemption comes with the down-on-earth apprehension of actuality and how to cope with it. Walter Tevis wrote the haunting *The Man Who Fell To Earth*; in this he is describing, with marvellous insight, a self-made alien who happens to be human, dreaming with his eyes wide open.

Isaac Asimov's Wonders Of The World, edited by Kathleen Moloney and Shawna McCarthy *(Hale, £7.95)*. A rich and varied selection from Dr. A's own magazine; and there is, in fact, a typically inventive story by him: about a man who learns to design personal wings.

The Colour Of Magic, by Terry Pratchett *(Colin Smythe, £7.95)*. Raising the spoof on the swords-and-sorcery genre is this account of a clumsy wizard, called Rincewind, whose antics provide most of the fun in a Fritz Leiber-ish kind of way.

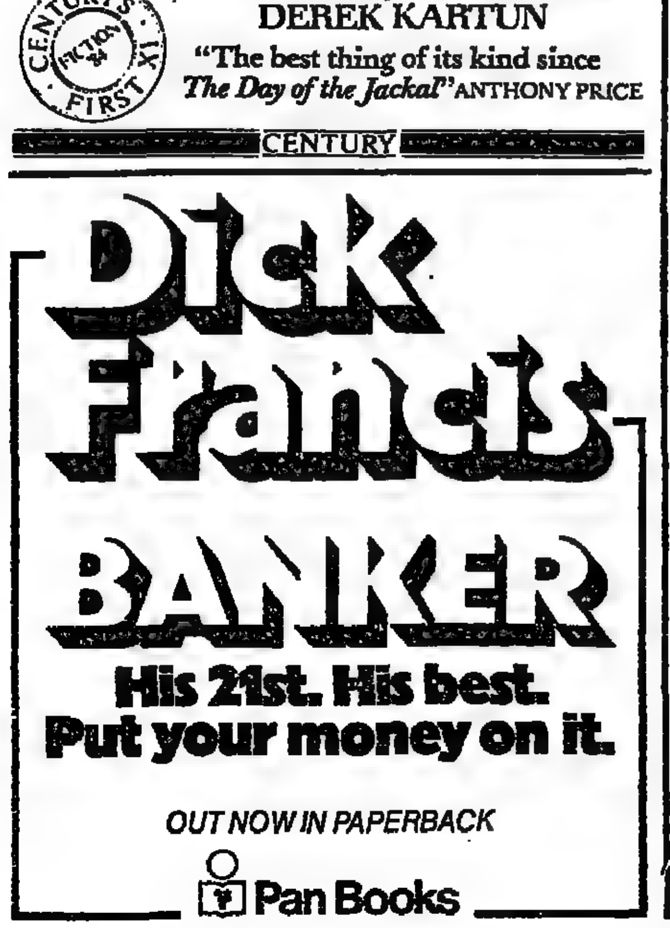
Superluminal, by Vonda McIntyre *(Gollancz, £8.95)*. In the future posited here interestellar pilots are, quite literally, heartless, their bodies modified so that they do not fast-decay into death when ships travel faster than light. Telling the love-story of a woman pilot, Laena, Miss McIntyre evokes the mind-compelling atmosphere of gentle hallucination.

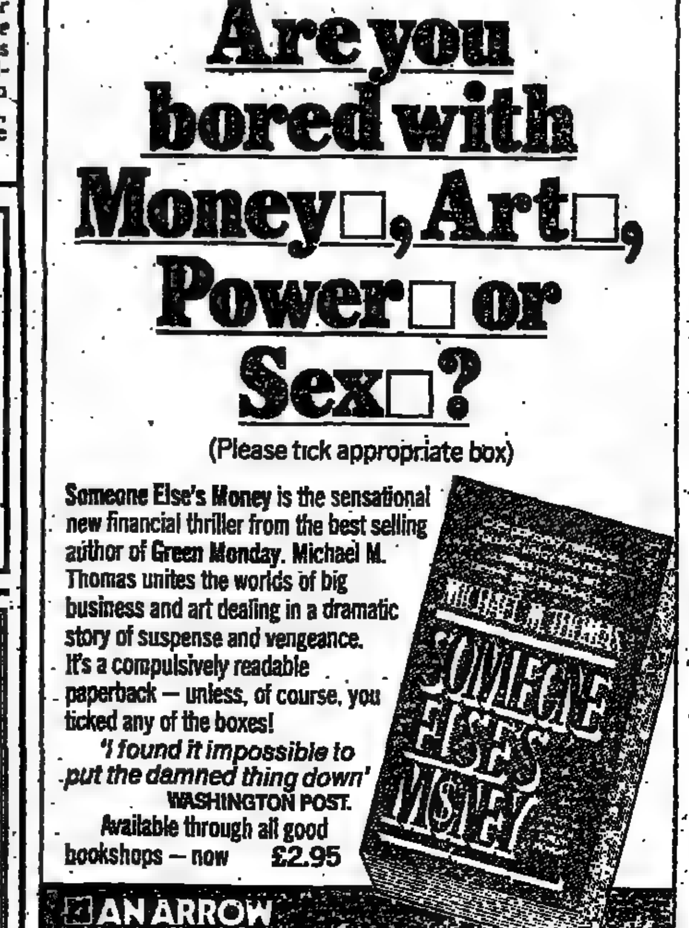
Moreta – Dragon Lady Of Pern, by Anne McCaffrey *(Severn House, £8.95; Corgi, £3.95)*. Names such as Ratoshigan and Capian festoon the pages and the dragons ride high above the planet . . . Anne McCaffrey is back with another romance of the rarified regions of Pern.

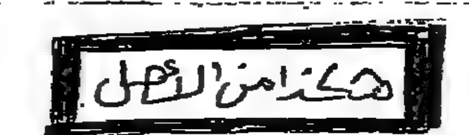
The Midas Deep, by John Brosnan *(Hamlyn, £2.25)*. With the sexy bits cunningly spaced-out between less loin-girded action, this larky adventure of rival nations battling it out across the subterranean frontier is a forceful enough read for any train journey.

Spaceache, by Snoo Wilson *(Chatto & Windus: £7.95; paperback, £3.50)*. SF as political satire when undesirable Chrissie is deep-frozen and shot into space. Not as funny as it thinks it is, but it still lances deep into the boil it thinks Britain has become.

Tom Hutchinson









THE TIMES DIARY

Now it's jaw-jaw

The fighting may be over, but the Falklands war goes on. Monday sees the publication of a highly critical book, *The Sinking of the Belgrano*, by Arthur Gavshon, former Associated Press diplomatic correspondent, and Desmond Rice, who spent seven years in Argentina as Royal Dutch Shell's manager. That is only the first shot, though. During his researches, Gavshon discovered that Alexander Haig, the US Secretary of State at the time of the war, was also writing a book about the Falklands: it will be published on both sides of the Atlantic on April 30. Rice, meanwhile, learned that Nicanor Costa Mendez, Argentina's ex-foreign minister, is about to have his day in print – and of course our own Jim Callaghan has indicated he will have something to say about the Falklands in his forthcoming autobiography. Still, it's all weaponry for that old campaigner Tam Dalyell, who tomorrow will again put down a Commons motion questioning the Government's version of the Belgrano sinking.

● **The tales of sexual shenanigans at Open University summer schools, so beloved of the tabloid press, appear to be given some credence by the following entry on the bank statement of an OU alumnus: "Open Univ Stud Fee £26.60".**

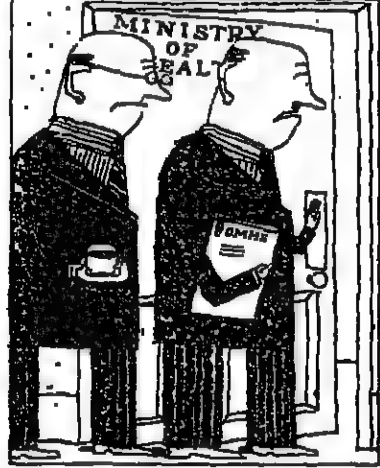
Boaks' blessing

Perhaps the most notable feature of the Chesterfield by-election is that the name of Bill Boaks, grandfather figure of the political fringe, is not among the record number of 17 candidates. It grieves me to report that Boaks, who will be 80 in May, will never again lose his deposit – as he has has done 30 times – under the eclectic banner of the Democratic, Monarchist, Public Safety, White Resident party, of which he remains the sole member. He was badly concussed in a road accident 14 months ago, and when I rang his Wimbledon home yesterday he was too tired to come to the phone. His wife told me he cannot think too clearly and, apart from twice-weekly visits to hospital, seldom leaves the house. Mrs Boaks, though, was able to pass on a couple of reponses from her husband. He is appalled by the proposal to increase the election deposit from £150 to £1,000, and says that in his absence his natural supporters in Chesterfield should feel free to vote for anyone – except Benn.

In for a penny . . .

A Tory MP's visit to the lavatory cost £300,000 this week. Steven Norris, MP for Oxford East, is also deputy leader of the Conservative group on Berkshire county council. While Norris was out of the chamber during a budget meeting of the "hung" council, a vote was taken on a Labour move to spend £300,000 on schooling for the "rising fives" – and the Tories lost 43-42. If Norris had voted, the Tory chairman could have used his casting vote to kill the motion. "This sort of thing happens all the time with a knife-edged majority", said a slightly sheepish Norris. Some might call it doing good by default.

BARRY FANTONI



'He might be working, he might not: with Anstruther it's hard to tell'

Forgotten lines

We know, of course, that theatre managements, book publishers and so on are extremely selective in the critics' quotes they choose to publicize their products, but I cannot help feeling the National Theatre is being a little bit naughty in quoting our own Irving Wardle on *Jean Seberg*. "Extremely accomplished collaboration by a talented team with a burning belief in their subject", says the blurb. But Wardle actually went on to say in the very next sentence: "Unfortunately that belief is misplaced."

Honorary gong

Lord Rhodes, the 88-year-old Labour peer, achieved a unique distinction on his last visit to China, where he has been leading unofficial parliamentary delegations since 1978. He has become the only octogenarian member of the Chinese Young Communist Association. It happened in a Chongqing park through which Lord Rhodes was progressing in the wheelchair he sometimes uses. He found himself amid a youthful group playing a game resembling pass the parcel in which a rag was passed round to the sound of a gong. Whoever held the rag when the gong stopped had to pay a forfeit, such as dancing or reciting. Lord Rhodes, left holding the rag in expectant silence, obliged with a stirring rendition of *On Ilka Moor baht 'at*, whereupon his delighted hosts presented him with a Young Communist badge.

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In search of a just deterrent

by Richard Harries

The avoidance of war is primarily a political matter. Unfortunately, the General Synod of the Church of England, if it debates today, as scheduled, further deployment of cruise missiles, will reinforce the impression given by the peace movements that wars are caused by the existence of weapons systems. But Canada does not feel threatened by United States missiles. We British do not go in fear because of the French nuclear force. The establishment of peace depends on political initiatives, sustained over a long period of time, and the gradual adjustment to new conditions. What then should the Synod be saying?

First, it should be encouraging a longer perspective. The two superpowers have an almost infinite capacity to destroy each other. Neither power is going to divest itself of its weapons; neither is going to collapse; neither is going to change its ideology. This means the present stalemate will continue for as long as we can foresee. "We think in centuries here", they say at the Vatican.

It is a useful perspective. Europe had to live with the Turkish threat for centuries. The church should counter the present hysteria and impart some of its traditional wisdom: that most problems in life cannot be solved. They have to be lived with, calmly, courageously and constructively.

Eventually Roman Catholics and Protestants adjusted to the need to live peacefully together in Europe. Eventually the two superpowers will have to adjust to living together on the same planet. Meanwhile, there is the overriding priority of avoiding nuclear war, which both acknowledge.

Second, the church should remind people that if they are sincere about wanting to become less dependent on nuclear weapons it may cost more. A declatory policy of "no first use", which the last Synod voted in favour of, is dangerous nonsense. An actual policy, however, is highly desirable and one on which all churches could unite. Now, for the first time, because of the new precision-guided weapons, this is a real possibility. But will the church point out that if we want to raise the nuclear threshold we will have to pay for it?

Third, it should remind people that in a world in which there will always be conflict, always one crisis following another, what matters is having the mechanisms ready and working to cope with them. The present preoccupation with weapons systems not only distracts people from the prime political task which has to be performed but stops people asking about these really vital matters.

At its most basic, are the hot lines working? What procedures, if any, have the superpowers agreed on to cope with the next crisis when it comes? There seemed to be little in the way of agreed procedures at the time of the shooting down of the Korean airliner. It is the old, old story of people being seduced by an illusory ideal (in our case the idea of a world free of the risk of nuclear war) so that they fail to take the basic and essential steps for minimizing the risk of war in the world in which we actually live.

All these three points are unpalatable or unfashionable on the high moral ground on which the church likes to sit. All the more reason for the church to make them.

Does this mean the church should say nothing about particular weapons systems? All it needs to say is implied in the motion that Synod voted in favour of last year. The first part of the Bishop of Birmingham's amendment said: "It is the duty of H.M. Government and her allies to maintain adequate forces to guard against nuclear blackmail and to deter potential nuclear and non-nuclear aggressors."

A key word here is "adequate". By this the Bishop was pointing to a minimal deterrence and by doing so he stands firmly in the "just war" tradition. For as that tradition has justified recourse to force if absolutely necessary, so it has insisted that only that force which is strictly necessary may be used. As there is a theory of the just war, so there must now be a theory of the "just deterrent". One key principle is that only that force which is strictly necessary to deter (ie, to inflict unacceptable damage) must be deployed.

The church has no special competence to pronounce on particular weapons systems. It does have a duty to urge the Government only to deploy the minimum necessary: and this minimum is to some extent independent of what the Soviet Union may or may not be deploying at a particular period.

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Bonn, bridging the barrier



East-West relations figured in the talks between Mrs Thatcher and Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, at 10 Downing Street on Tuesday. Continuing our series marking Nato's 35th anniversary, Herr Kohl urges renewed effort to resume a realistic dialogue with Moscow while reaffirming his country's unswerving commitment to the Western alliance

The Federal Republic of Germany has been a member of the Atlantic alliance since 1955. Together with the European Community, the alliance constitutes the foundation of my country's foreign and security policy. As a grouping of free democracies, it represents a defensive community founded on shared values and convictions. Its commitment to the "principles of democracy, individual liberties and the rule of law" are of particular importance for the Federal Republic as part of a divided nation. Nowhere else has the alliance's commitment to these values been more clearly visible than with regard to the situation in Germany and Berlin. From these common values the alliance derives its dynamism and the strength to meet external and internal challenges.

Last year was a testing year for the Atlantic alliance. The start of missile deployment in accordance with the twin-track (deploy and negotiate) decision of 1979 showed that other members of the alliance can rely on the Federal Republic, just as we can rely on them. For my country the question was whether it is willing and able to counter, together with its allies, the Soviet claim to hegemony. Like the other members of the alliance, we stood the test.

The start of the deployment of new American intermediate-range missiles brings home to the Soviet Union that it stands no chance of acquiring, with its build-up of SS20 missiles, a tool for exercising political hegemony in Europe or for decoupling Western Europe from the United States. This is where the great significance of our steadfastness lies for the development of European security and East-West relations in Europe. We have kept our word.

This decision, specifically reflecting the reliability and continuity of German policy, will not fail to make an impression on the Soviet Union. Implementation of the twin-track decision shows that the alliance remains capable of action. It affirms that the alliance's cohesion has been strengthened by the unprecedentedly close consultations between the European members and the United States. It is essential that the alliance should display unity in the face of the Soviet Union's attempts to split it. This requires that full use be made of the existing consultative mechanisms.

Even after the start of the deployment of American intermediate-range missiles in response to the SS20 build-up, the alliance's concept remains steadfast and clear cut: military security and a policy of détente, which – as stated as early as 1967 in the Harmel Report – are mutually complementary. According to that report, the Atlantic alliance has two main functions: to maintain adequate military strength and political solidarity, and secondly, to pursue the search for lasting and constructive relations between East and West, which can also serve as a basis for solving controversial political issues wherever possible.

Nato's strategy of flexible response serves this goal. We want to prevent any war, be it nuclear or conventional. In the current debate on the risk of nuclear war, the fact is frequently ignored that conventional weapons now have more devastating effects than ever before. In view of the Warsaw Pact's vast superiority in conventional forces, we remain dependent on a deterrent that effectively counters both this threat and the East's nuclear arsenal. To this end, we need a balanced triad of strategic nuclear, tactical nuclear and conventional weapons. To eliminate its dependence on the early use of nuclear arms, the alliance must give priority to strengthening the conventional element of this triad.

Unilateral disarmament or renunciation of the war-preventing concept of deterrence would not promote peace, but endanger it. Peace and freedom are our most valuable assets. They must not be placed at risk by hazardous experiments. On this subject I said the following in my policy statement of May 4, 1983: "We cannot overnight eliminate nuclear weapons from the face of the earth. Unilateral renunciation of such weapons would not reduce the nuclear threat directed towards us, but only increase the danger of war. There is only one way out of this dilemma: we must drastically reduce the number of nuclear weapons on both sides, those which threaten our existence and those which we are now forced to maintain in the interest of our security". These ideas remain fully valid.

Until such a time when comprehensive, verifiable disarmament renders military means of safeguarding peace superfluous, we shall remain dependent on the alliance's tried-and-true strategy of deterrence and defence founded on equilibrium.

At its ministerial meeting in Brussels last December, Nato renewed its extensive offer of cooperation with the East and sent a clear signal for the continuation of the dialogue on arms control. The alliance's unequivocal reaffirmation of its security policy must be accompanied by new efforts for disarmament talks. In the field of nuclear disarmament, particularly, the West has tabled proposals aimed at deep cuts in nuclear arsenals and hence at reversing the existing trend.

We have stressed that the start of deployment of western missiles does not establish an irreversible situation. We have also made it clear that any change in the deployment schedule can come about only as a result of a mutually acceptable agreement reached at the talks. The Soviet Union, too, has of necessity an interest in a continued dialogue on arms control and in tangible results that limit nuclear potentials and afford both sides greater security. Reason demands negotiations.

However, above and beyond security policy, we must consider the shape that relations between Nato and the Warsaw Pact are to take in the future. We must show the leaders of Eastern Europe that after the start of missile deployment, their assertions still lack foundation: it does not involve a question of war or peace, nor does it constitute a step towards destabilization instead of the restoration of equilibrium, or the pursuit of a Western strategy of confrontation. Especially as a country in which the missiles are being deployed, we advocate a policy of moderation and understanding on the basis of equality, equilibrium and mutuality. Both sides can but benefit by cooperation for a shared future founded on the manifold ties and experiences of a shared past.

The genuine results of the policy of détente pursued in the 1970s must be consolidated and improved. The East-West dialogue is still under strain because Western Europe's vital security interests are being impaired by the Soviet policy of stockpiling more and more weapons and seeking to decouple Europe from the United States.

On Nato's thirtieth aniversary, five years ago, the then secretary-general, Dr Luns, said that détente had a different meaning for the West than for the East. While the West construes it as the dismantling of bureaucratic barriers in the wide field of human contacts as well as economic and commercial relations, the East interprets it in the narrow sense of "peaceful co-existence", permitting an unbridled ideological offensive. The Soviet Union and its allies must abandon this attitude: détente can be achieved in the long run only if neither side views it as an instrument for obtaining security advantages to the detriment of the other.

It is in our mutual interest to foster East-West relations. To this end a modicum of stability and steadfastness is required in the relationship between the two superpowers. This should be attainable in view of their parallel interests in essential areas: to prevent armed conflicts that could result in nuclear escalation, to achieve tangible results in disarmament negotiations, and to reap mutual benefits from economic cooperation.

Considerable importance attaches to intensifying the direct political dialogue between the superpowers. I would therefore welcome an early meeting between President Reagan and Mr Chernenko.

In the eyes of a German head of government, the German and European aspects of the foregoing considerations are of special significance. The two German states – the Federal Republic and the GDR – must, particulary at difficult junctures, contribute towards the preservation of peace by engaging in constructive cooperation. One of the principle aims of the latter is to ease the situation of the people in our divided nation. The Federal Republic and the GDR have a shared responsibility: peace must emanate from German soil.

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The shy radical opening up a generation gap

Manchester, New Hampshire

"The oldest ideal of the Democratic Party is new ideas," Senator Gary Hart told cheering supporters after his surprise victory in the New Hampshire presidential primary on Tuesday. "Franklin Roosevelt proved that with the New Deal in 1932, John Kennedy with the New Frontier in 1960. And we will prove it with the New Democracy in 1984."

Does Hart's victory mean the dawn of a new era in United States politics? Undoubtedly his enthusiastic young campaign workers believe and hope that it does. But despite his surprise victory, he is still far from winning the party's nomination. Although he has caused Mr Walter Mondale to take an embarrassing tumble, it is still highly questionable whether the handsome young senator from Colorado has the resources to derail the former vice-president's well-oiled, well-financed machine during the rash of 26 primaries and caucuses over the next three weeks.

But his victory on Tuesday contains important lessons for the Democratic Party. In particular, it shows that many Deomocrats have become disillusioned with its traditional leadership and are seeking someone who can steer it in a new direction.

Senator Hart has sought to portray Mondale as representing the old guard of the Democratic Party establishment. "His career has been characterized by caution every step of the way," he said during a recent interview. Hart's whole campaign has been based on the theme of the need to develop a new generation of leadership. He has presented himself as the candidate of "new ideas."

Ever since he was elected as a senator for Colorado at the age of 37 in 1974, Hart has sought to rethink the conventional wisdom of the Democratic Party by putting out a steady stream of proposals on topics ranging from defence to environmental policy, from taxation to job creation.

Some critics say his so-called new ideas are simply old ones in new wrappings. As Senator Hollings, one of his rivals, said: "Gary Hart had a new idea the other day. It was putting the unemployed to work rebuilding public facilities. I guess you have to be from a new generation to think that's new."

In fact it is only when one gets down to examining the detail of his new ideas – and Hart is obsessed by detail – that the radical shift from conventional Democratic Party thinking becomes apparent. His main problem has been his inability to get his political philosophy across to the public. One reason is that his ideas are complex and cannot be easily encapsulated in slogans.

Another problem has been his inability to project himself as an inspirational leader. Although he has many of John Kennedy's physical qualities he has none of his idol's eloquence or passion. "Too much Hart, not enough soul" is one of the criticisms directed at him.

Hart is not a natural politician. He is shy, self-conscious and dislikes what he considers the "cheap emotionalism" used by old-guard politicians to win votes.

Hart's reserve and his dislike of ostentation date back to his boyhood in Kansas, where he was brought up as part of a large, poor, deeply religious family named Hartpence (he changed it by deed poll). He went to a fundamentalist school in Oklahoma and from there to Yale Divinity School – a remarkable achievement for a young man of such humble Midwest origins. He got involved in politics as a volunteer for the 1960 Kennedy election campaign, studied law, then worked as an attorney in Colorado. There he met George McGovern, now one of his rivals for the Democratic nomination, who appointed him national director of his 1972 presidential campaign.

Hart does not have the money or the machine to match Mondale's, yet he has been able to prove his credibility as a candidate; Democrats in other parts of the US may now also decide to opt for Hart's "new generation of leadership" rather than Mondale's "politics of the past".

As for Reagan, Hart's relative youth, his pragmatic brand of liberalism and his espousal of new ideas could prove even more compelling. Reagan could no longer accuse a Democratic Party led by Hart of wanting to return to the big-government, high-tax policies of the past. Nor could he accuse it of being the party of special interests. Hart's youth would highlight Reagan's age. And his advocacy of new ideas would make Reagan's own special interests become an issue.

Nicholas Ashford

Ronald Butt

Till divorce us do part

The General Synod of the Church of England once more considers today what it is to do about the remarriage in church of divorced people. The Anglican communion has always held firmly to the principle that marriage is indissoluble, but it is now faced with the consequences of the gradual loosening by the state of the conditions on which divorce is granted.

Divorce is now virtually available on demand. Anyone who thinks that his or her marriage has "broken down" and who is not willing or able to try to mend it may now petition for it to be dissolved after three years, which will be reduced to only one year under the latest divorce bill. There are now no clearer criteria for divorce than that a marriage (as casual conversation has it) "isn't working", a state of affairs commonly spoken of as though it were an Act of God (in the lightning-thunderbolt sense) instead of something that one or both of the spouses might have acted to prevent.

The old incentive to try to make the best of marriage, which was provided by the knowledge that its bonds could not easily be severed has gone, and the present incidence of divorce extends well beyond those hard cases which are genuinely tragic and for which at least one of the partners, with the best will in the world, can find no remedy.

How is the church to respond to those who, in all seriousness of intention, wish to have either a second marriage in church or some other church ceremony which would bless their second union, or offer spiritual comfort in some other manner? The principle that marriage is lifelong is still said to be sacrosanct, but many among the clergy now feel moved by compassion to minister to at least some divorced people on the occasion of their second marriage.

Here, as in so many other matters, the church takes its idea of compassion from the climate of the times which holds that compassion lies in freeing people from the consequences of their actions (the abortion law) and from irksome bonds (the loosening of the marriage commitment.) Of course, the church has always been influenced by general opinion as well as by theological criteria, but in the past the climate of the times was itself broadly Christian. Today it is substantially non-Christian, and in many ways is hostile to the moral rules by which Christianity has always functioned.

Even so, churchmen feel a need to come to terms with the prevailing secular conscience, and from this need came the proposal (previously supported by the synod and the bishops) for a complex procedure by which a divorced person wishing to remarry in church could apply, through the parish priest, to a multidiocesan panel. This unpopular idea has been dropped. Instead, the House of Bishops, through the Bishop of Winchester, will this morning propose to the synod that (while marriage is theologically indissoluble) responsibility for the decision on remarrying divorced people in church will rest firmly on the diocesan bishop in consultation with the parish priest (guided by criteria established by the General Synod).

This is a still worse proposal since, in practice, permitted cases of church remarriage would largely be determined by the pressures on the parish priest. When one hard case has been allowed in the parish, how is he to stand against the claims of another, not quite so hard, but perhaps hard enough? How is he to resist pleas based on comparisons with what has been allowed in the parish next door? How is the bishop to refuse to accept the practical parish difficulties facing the priest? In the end, it is hard to see what remarriage would not be allowed.

Alternatively, there is the idea that those who have been freed from their indissoluble Christian marriage should have, not a church remarriage, but some other kind of church ceremony, sometimes described as a blessing, to launch their second, civil, union. But what would such a blessing signify? If it were no more than prayers that the remarried couple should be happy, or not fail at their second marriage, or should be good to each other, they could be offered by the vicar, or friends, privately.

If, on the other hand, it is a blessing on their remarriage *as a state* (rather than on the partners as individuals), it would be virtually a way of validating that new state without designating it a marriage. (If it is not a blessing on their state, why is a special ceremony needed?) It would be tantamount to creating a kind of grade two below-the-spiritual-salt marriage.

The only way in which the Church of England could avoid a hopeless muddle of indissoluble marriages, blessed unions of the previously indissolubly married, and dissatisfied claimants, would be if it could agree on what might constitute Christian grounds for divorce, then unambiguously remarrying those it had so divorced. I doubt whether such agreement on the grounds for church divorce could be reached.

But for the church simply to try to find those fit for remarriage in church from among the many whom the state has chosen to divorce, would risk reducing marriage to an absurdity in Christian terms. Whom the church remarries, let it put assunder itself, if it can. If the church is to do something less, and bless the second union of the divorced, why should it not bless the third, or the unions of those living together in what are sometimes called stable relationships before marriage (or before not marrying)? And what about the claims that are sometimes expressed for the blessing of homosexual unions?

It is the conventional wisdom that happiness can be promoted by the removal of impediments to the satisfaction of wants. All the evidence, not least from the divorce courts, is to the contrary. We change rules to accommodate changes that are deemed to have occurred, and by so doing stimulate change that forces the pace of change still further. That is the danger. Nothing written here is intended as a censure of the divorced. None of us has the right to sit in judgment about the spiritual status of second marriages, many of which are recognizably of a kind that might be described as blessed. But for the church to seem to lose its convictions about marriage would set an example even beyond its own members; it would be one more sign of its obedience to the secular conscience. Its business is to bear witness to its own beliefs.

Mark Steyn

Let's hear that double entendre again

Each succeeding generation likes to think it was the first to be open about sex, so it's no real surprise that "Relax" by Frankie Goes To Hollywood became a No 1 hit after being banned by the BBC because of its lyrical content. It would be nice to think that it was banned because its lyric was boring, but, alas, it was because there was, somewhere in the disco-mix, something sexually explicit, however inaudible.

Although it flatters a mediocre record to say so, "Relax" belongs to a tradition of crude blues songs that stretches back 60 years (rock 'n' roll itself was originally a sexual term). In the 1920s, a variation of the genre produced some sly songs that were simply extended sexual metaphors, such as "My Handy Man" (which was, naturally, followed by "My Handy Man Ain't Handy Anymore") and "My Military Man" (who keeps her awake all night with his manoeuvres, etc.)

Far more interesting, though, than those not widely-heard songs were the efforts of mainstream songwriters to say something more sophisticated than wanting to spoon by the light of the silv'ry moon. Even the most innocuous lyric could sometimes cause offence. In "SWonderful" (1927), Ira Gershwin wrote "youv'e made my life so glamorous/you can't blame me for feeling amorous", and found himself in trouble with a zealous guardian of public morals, who objected to the word "amorous".

For *The Big Broadcast of 1938*, Leo Robin wrote one of the best pop lyrics ever, a sophisticated duet sung by two people, once married but now separated: "Thanks for the memory, of transatlantic calls/China's crumbling walls/That weekend at Niagara when we never saw the falls/How lovely it was." The Paramount Films censor thought the Niagara line was "dirty" and changed it to "That weekend at Niagara when we *hardly* saw the falls".

On Broadway, the two masters of the risqué lyric were Lorenz Hart and Cole Porter. In "Always True To You In My Fashion" (1948), Porter captured perfectly the philosophy of the girl who will sell her virtue to any generous sugar daddy, putting up with a "Harris pat" as long as it earns her a "Paris hat". In a 1939 duet, the lady, ostensibly talking about book-keeping, asks: "Do you do double-entry, dear?"

Hart loved to see how far he could go. In 1925, in the show *Dearest Enemy*, he was being just naughty enough: "Hooray, we're going to be compromised", sing the young ladies, as the rampaging soldiers descend on their town.

By 1940, Hart's older woman singing the praises of her younger man says she couldn't sleep and wouldn't sleep until she could sleep where she shouldn't sleep. In that song ("Betwitched, Bothered And Bewildered"), Hart sends up the lyrical limitations for most love songs, by taking a traditional sentimental banality and coupling it with something more down-to-earth: "I'll sing to him/Each spring to him/And I'll worship the trousers that cling to him." Such phrases, which for years had been judiciously excised by squeamish crooners, were greeted with delight by London audiences at the revival of *Pal Joey* three years ago.

Since the swinging Sixties, sexual lyrics have become far more common but official attitudes still vary tremendously. In 1967, the Rolling Stones sang "Let's Spend The Night Together", a sentiment about as far removed from "I want a girl just like the girl that married dear old dad" as it's possible to be. On the other hand, American radio programmers were still so sensitive in 1975 that, when Paul Anka sang "I Don't Like To Sleep Alone", it had to be explained that he hoped to solve the problem of his nocturnal loneliness by, of course, marriage.

Whether the ban on the tedious "Relax" was merited or not is another matter, but one rock musician who told me that the action was Stalinist was perhaps unfairly maligning the Soviet Union, where sex rears its head in the strangest places. In "It Ain't Necessarily So" from *Porgy And Bess*, the line "Little David was small, but oh my" was once translated into Russian as "little David was impotent". Oh my!

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KICKING THE DOG

Ten men – just ten – stopped this paper reaching its readers yesterday. Our engineers withdrew their labour in accordance with the instructions of the local branch of their union. So did the engineers of every national newspaper publishing house in Fleet Street. They gave no warning; indeed the meeting of the union branch was accompanied by guidance which was tantamount to deception. No newspaper office had warning of the impending stoppage. No management therefore had an opportunity to discuss the proposed stoppage or, once the determination to proceed with it became clear to seek an injunction to prevent the engineers breaching their contracts for no other reason than that they wanted to show some solidarity with the trade union movement's criticism of the Government's decisions over GCHQ.

The damage that Fleet Street engineers have caused is colossal, and only too calculable. The direct costs of the stoppage amount to about £600,000 for *The Sun*, ranging downwards to perhaps £100,000 for *The Guardian* with the other newspapers in between. On top of that nearly a million pounds of advertising will have been lost to Fleet Street forever. On top of that again tens of thousands of newsagents throughout the country and a host of other small businesses which depend directly or indirectly in great part on the revenue they receive from the publication of national newspapers, will have been inflicted with one more body blow to their livelihoods. Why?

This week it is GCHQ. Last month this newspaper was stopped because a trade union contested the management's right to appoint a manager. In spite of the stoppage that right was explicitly upheld; the appointment stands. On New Year's Day Sunday newspapers failed to appear because of lack of agreement with another trade union. In November last year newspapers were stopped because of the dispute at Warrington; the year before there was interference to show sympathy with the health service workers. It is always newspapers on which trade unionists seem to vent their discontent with the government, or somebody else of whom they disapprove. It is not the television companies, the BBC or local radio. It is like going out to kick the dog, confident, it seems, that the dog has no teeth.

On a clear day in Fleet Street you cannot often see tomorrow. What you can see is a thicket of restrictive covenants between frightened myopic managements and assertive but equally myopic trade unions. They have combined to set the national newspaper industry on a course of self-destruction. Unless every individual within this industry changes his attitude it will no longer be a question of whether or not Fleet Street will die by its own hand, but when.

For too long Fleet Street's workers have luxuriated in the notion that, however dismally their restrictive practices and weak managements might impair their companies' performance, there will always be another millionaire to come along and spend his money in the playpen. They have been vindicated by events, sadly. The idiosyncratic motivations of Fleet Street proprietors can be gauged only too clearly by their repeated reluctance to hold to an agreement among themselves on a common course of action to knock some sense and long-term viability into their industry.

The Fleet Street unions have thus had it all their own way since they confront weak and divided managements – so weak indeed that some of them seem almost explicitly prepared to put up with a wild-cat stoppage once a week in exchange for a quiet life on the other days – with some underlying solidarity. The Fleet Street unions may engage in fierce rivalry among themselves but none is prepared, when it comes to it, to support management action against irregular behaviour by the others, or rules to gain control of their own members.

The closed shop in Fleet Street rules supreme; and as long as it does so national newspaper managements will operate as Vichy governments, the creatures of an occupying power. They have no real powers of hire and fire over their workers. They have no flexibility provided by alternative methods of production or distribution. They are dominated by the circadian imperatives of tonight's edition which, if lost, will sink without trace, revenue and all. The losses incurred through non-publication of the New Year's Day edition of Sunday papers, for instance, were £5m worth of travel advertising, which were transferred immediately to television. That is a measure of the competitive environment in which newspapers now have to operate.

They may not yet be exposed to foreign competition endowed with new technology which in Fleet Street is either suppressed, indefinitely postponed, or unduly overburdened with restrictive practices. But that competition is now appearing in the shape of the *Wall Street Journal* and the *International Herald Tribune*, printed fluently in many centres round the world. Closer to home the competition for advertising revenue has already extended beyond commercial television to local radio, magazines and the free-sheets brought so much into prominence by Mr Eddie Shah of Warrington.

The writing is thus on the wall, even if it is seldom to be found in the newspapers themselves. Our readers frequently express astonishment at Fleet Street's repeated disruptions and the apparent inability of this industry to put its house in order. That is in sad contrast to the way we tell everybody else how to do it. We should be, and are ashamed of ourselves, and our readers are right to be astonished.

UP TO A POINT, MR LAWSON

Mr Nigel Lawson's tax-gathering ways are earning him a lot of enemies. Yesterday the House of Commons select committee on energy joined the banks and building societies in their chorus of disapproval of the Chancellor's thirst for cash. The committee of MPs has strong and long-established principles against the Treasury's use of nationalized industries as tax milch-cows – which are more important than the detailed dispute as to whether the industry should put prices up 2 per cent this spring. The banks and building societies now suspect, with anger, that they are next in line for Mr Lawson's milking parlour. Here the principles may be on Mr Lawson's side; but the practice, so far, is not.

Britain's financial institutions operate within a maze of fiscal privilege and disadvantage that diverts free choice in personal savings and impedes competition. As the building societies have come to operate more like banks, and vice versa, differences in their tax treatment have become a peculiarly glaring example of such distortion. Mr Nigel Lawson has half-announced two changes that remove some of the differences – one deliberately, but through an Inland Revenue reinterpretation of existing law, the other through an unintended leak from the banks. In theory, any change which moves towards a more equal tax treatment is welcome.

In practice, these two particular changes are worrying.

The first – charging building societies capital gains tax at 40 per cent on their holdings of gilts – is less disturbing. Although the building societies claim it will hold up mortgage rates, the £100 million or so it will raise is only a modest blow to the societies' finances. Of more concern is the timing of the announcement, in the course of a financial year, and the nerves it has hit in other financial institutions which now wonder what lies in store for them.

The second change – obliging the banks to pay interest net of the same kind of "composite" tax rate agreed with the building societies – is much more questionable. Such a composite rate is calculated by estimating the number of recipients who might not be taxpayers, and then lowering the rate of tax charged on all interest to reflect this. The composite rate might therefore be higher for the banks than the building societies, but it would be lower than the standard rate of tax. This, effectively redistributes income from the poor (who now have to pay tax) to the better-off (whose tax rate is cut).

At first sight, the change has many compensating advantages. Much bank interest escapes tax altogether, because taxpayers neglect to declare small sums. It could, therefore, be quite a money-raiser for the Chancellor. The non-taxpayer, who should never put money in a building society anyway, merely loses another haven for his funds. There remains national savings: if more money is diverted there. Meanwhile, the banks are forced to carry out more of the job of tax collecting, permitting substantial savings in Inland Revenue staff.

But there are overwhelming disadvantages. By narrowing the choice for the small, non-taxpaying saver and directing cash towards the public purse, the chancellor is introducing more distortion, of a kind that should be alien to his philosophy. What is more, having much reduced the real level of the public sector borrowing requirement, he has much less need of such tricks. They will operate unfairly against the interests of those too poor to pay tax unless he now announces a further change.

Both banks and building societies should – as soon as possible – be obliged to pay interest net of tax at the standard rate. They should issue tax credits that can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers. There is a difficulty, in that the Inland Revenue does not keep records of people below the tax threshold; for both sides, it could be a cumbersome process proving the claimant was not due to pay tax. This would reduce the savings on Inland Revenue manpower, and might discourage some claimants. It would be better than taking tax they do not owe from all of them.

ENTER THE DARK HORSE

It is, of course, absurd that a handful of voters in the tiny state of New Hampshire should be able to transform the political scenery of the United States but that is how it has been for many years and will probably remain for many more. The New Hampshire primary, only slightly displaced by the Iowa caucus, has long been the traditional launching pad for the presidential election. It has now launched Senator Gary Hart into the centre of the arena, giving him a surprising victory on Tuesday that guarantees him at least two weeks as the new media star at the centre of attention. Then comes "super Tuesday", March 13, when several simultaneous primaries could either wipe him off the board or lift him to within reach of the Democratic nomination.

It is still difficult to believe that he could actually get the nomination. His campaign is too small and poorly financed to compete with the juggernaut put together by Mr Walter Mondale, who remains by far the front runner for the nomination in national opinion polls. But even if he does not make it, Senator Hart has enlivened the campaign and established himself as a serious contender with something important to say.

For years he has been arguing that the Democratic Party must become a party of ideas and programmes instead of a loose coalition of interests. He failed to gather congressional Democrats around this notion and until this week he seemed to be failing to gather wider support. The party establishment turned to the more conventional Mr Mondale.

But Senator Hart pressed on, encouraged by a memorandum, written last autumn by a pollster formerly associated with President Carter, arguing that the only candidate who could beat Mr Reagan would be one who could turn the contest into a discussion of clearly defined ideas on America's future.

This view precisely fitted Senator Hart's belief that America is facing an array of new challenges – industrial, educational, social, economic and military – and that new ideas are required to meet them. He presents himself as a man of the computer age grappling with the problems of change and modernization.

His fresh approach obviously went down well among young and middle class voters in New Hampshire. Whether it will move less intellectual areas of the country is much less certain, but given the yearning of the media for new faces and new angles he now has an opportunity to grab national attention, revive interest in the campaign, and perhaps jolt Mr Mondale into a bit of new thinking. So far the omens for the campaign have not looked promising: an elderly incumbent to be challenged by a candidate who often looks as if his main concern is to avoid offending one or other of the many groups on which he depends for support. Senator Hart's attempt to talk about issues and define the shape of America's future can do nothing but good.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Higher education restrictions

From Mr Giles Radice, MP for Durham North (Labour) and Mr Andrew Bennett, MP for Denton and Reddish (Labour)

Sir, We were frankly amazed that your only mention of the Labour Party response to the University Grants Committee and the National Advisory Board's documents on the future of higher education was a one sentence coda to an important but entirely different story about the AMA (Association of Metropolitan Authorities') reaction to the Government White Paper, *Training for Jobs* (February 24).

As David Smith, of the Royal Society, points out (February 27), the Government seems intent on restricting the terms of the debate on what should happen to higher education to a consideration of ways of cutting provision. Apparently the Government sees the whole exercise as little more than a propaganda smokescreen to disguise a Government-induced contraction.

The truth is that the decline in the numbers of 18-year-olds creates an unprecedented opportunity to "open up" access to a much wider and more diverse range of students.

Policies to raise expectations and achievement in our schools, as well as adequate financial support for 16 to 19-year-olds, should ensure that a larger proportion of the age group enters higher education. And we believe that greater chances must be provided for mature students. The late 1980s and 1990s, far from being a period of contraction and retrenchment, should be years of innovation and change.

If we are to ensure that the opportunity is not wasted, then our higher education institutions will need to show considerable initiative and adaptability. In return, the wider community must be prepared to provide security of funding – in marked contrast to the uncertainties and telescoped planning horizons of the last few years.

The task now for all those genuinely concerned about the future of higher education (which we hope includes *The Times*) is to make the case for it vigorously and publicly. The argument cannot be won by remaining silent.

Yours etc,
GILES RADICE (Shadow Education Spokesman),
ANDREW BENNETT (Opposition Spokesman for Higher Education),
House of Commons.
February 27.

Judgment on television

From Mr Paul Dunstan

Sir, Two eminent members of the legal profession have been criticising Yorkshire Television's projected series, *Case on Camera*.

Mr Michael Wright, QC, Chairman of the Bar, condemns the series as "showbiz" (report, February 15). That, of course, is his word. In television terms it is being produced by this company's factual programmes department, not by its drama or light entertainment departments. In any case, during the period of the actual arbitration hearing there will not be one person who has or has had any connexion with so-called show business. Had it been otherwise Judge King-Hamilton would not have agreed to arbitrate.

It is true, as Mr Wright points out, that arbitrations are normally held in private, but they do not have to be so conducted. In this series the parties will have agreed to the cases being arbitrated in public, in the sense that they will be televised. They are free to make that choice.

The cameras will be deliberately unobtrusive, if not completely hidden and, once a case has begun, the concentration of the parties will be on presenting their respective cases, not on unseen cameras. Moreover, as all the evidence will be on oath (or by affirmation) it is difficult to see why the truth should be any less forthcoming than in a non-televised hearing. When someone is interviewed on television is he less or more likely to speak the truth?

Our second critic to go into print is his Honour Lyall Wilkes (letter, February 22). His four-point condemnation of our programme is, of course, familiar to us.

Judge Wilkes should know that Judge King-Hamilton was approached in August, 1982. He also opposed any attempt at a "pretend" law court. But, after patient discussion between us agreement was reached on the arbitration of small claims in the manner now intended.

The distinction may seem to be small but I am told that its importance will be appreciated by any lawyer.

I am aware of the difficulties which sometimes arise when litigants appear in person, but surely the difficulties tend to lessen when both parties are self-represented and the contest becomes less one-sided?

Yours sincerely,
PAUL DUNSTAN, Producer,
Case on Camera,
Yorkshire Television,
The Television Centre,
Leeds.
February 24.

Ministration for second marriages

From the Chancellor of the dioceses of Durham, Southwark and Gloucester

Sir, The excellent article on "The marriage bond" in *The Times* of February 25 states that "In the Church of England there are many theologies of marriage". It would be more accurate to say that in the Church of England there are many persons holding various views of the nature of marriage, as is probably also the case in other churches.

In the Church of England there is in fact only one official doctrine, namely, that marriage is indissoluble. That is why both before the Reformation and afterwards no Church court would ever grant what today we call a decree of divorce, leaving the parties free to contract second marriages.

In 1857, by Act of Parliament, jurisdiction in matters matrimonial was removed from the Church courts and bestowed on a new secular court, now known as the Family Division of the High Court. The same Act for the first time made a decree of divorce (in the modern sense of the term) possible, and thereafter this secular court has granted such decrees of divorce, which no Church court would ever do.

The view of the Church courts that marriage is indissoluble has since been endorsed on at least three occasions by the Church's legislatures and is embodied in the current canons of the Church and in the *Book of Common Prayer*.

If General Synod should now pass legislation permitting second marriages in church to those who have a first spouse living, it will be changing the centuries old doctrine of the Church of England.

This is a grave step to take and it is frightening to know that today General Synod feels free to take such a step, despite the fact so large a number of its members are totally untrained in theology or canon law.

It is still more frightening that the bishops, who are the traditional guardians of sound doctrine, should be content to leave such a decision to so inexpert a body without first seeking clearance from a body of trained theologians and canonists.

Theology is today at a low ebb in the Church of England; but in the convocations there is at least a chance that, after due discussion and with guidance, a more informed view might be expressed which could then be submitted to the *consensus fidelium* of the laity in General Synod.

Your obedient servant,
E. GARTH MOORE.
Corpus Christi College,
Cambridge.
February 27.

From the Reverend R. S. Gibson

Sir, The decision of the bishops to consult their parish clergy about the proposed Option G Scheme for remarriage in church has led to a widespread rejection of that proposal due to the cumbersome and bureaucratic method by which applications would have been handled.

I believe, however, that a sizable majority of the parish clergy welcome the bishops' response to our hesitations and would gladly consider remarriage in church in certain circumstances. We are, however, deeply concerned at the high divorce figures and committed to the view that marriage should be a lifelong relationship and would oppose the proposed changes in the divorce laws at present before Parliament that would enable divorce proceedings to be commenced at the end of one rather than three years.

In the marriage commission report emphasis was laid on the centrality of the relationship between husband and wife. The relationship was seen as one that needed to be worked at and developed, if it was to grow and deepen. It was also recognized by the majority that if this did not happen it would wither and die and, in the circumstances, the majority felt that it was realistic to recognize this fact and accept.

It is to be hoped that members of the General Synod will heed this advice and enable those of us who are deeply troubled by the apparent failure of the Church to respond to those who come and seek its blessing having suffered as a result of failed first marriage.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT GIBSON,
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Halifax,
West Yorkshire.
February 27.

From the Reverend John T. Martin

Sir, Your leader, "The marriage bond", proceeds by right arguments to wrong conclusions. This is because of the unfounded contention that "services of blessing" after a register office marriage are "tainted with ambiguity and a suspicion of hypocrisy". But there need not be either, as many couples who have enjoyed such a service will testify.

In these services the Church is seeking God's good hand upon a union which it hesitates, though the state does not, to call a marriage. Thus it preserves its marriage teaching intact, while at the same time offering the couple the help and comfort they need.

It is hard to see how this well established practice would differ from what you recommend, namely "a standard form . . . designed solely to help the couple to be together in the presence of God".

Yours sincerely,
J. T. MARTIN,
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15 Woodbines Avenue,
Kingston upon Thames,
Surrey.
February 25.

From Prebendary H. F. Warren

Sir, Many of us who have agonised over the "conflicting priorities" will, I am sure, be grateful for your excellent leader of Februay 25, and especially for your verdict that "Option G" was a "pretty fair attempt of which the Synod need not be ashamed". Not everyone would agree, however, that "what the Church has been trying to achieve is unobtainable".

The Church of England is, in fact, the only part of Christendom which offers no relief to those whose marriage has failed. Other churches offer a variety of procedures by which such people can marry again in church, but there is no evidence that those procedures have either undermined the Christian ideal of lifelong marriage or led to a significant increase in the number of divorces.

Why should the Church of England throw up the sponge now? The General Synod will be trying again on Thursday morning and I hope and pray that we shall make some progress, because the search must go on.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY WARREN,
The Rectory,
West Monkton,
Taunton,
Somerset.
February 27.

Critics of modern music

From Mr John E. Sanderson

Sir, In their letter (February 21) Mr John Lambert and his colleagues, speaking of recent attacks in your columns on modern music, remark that "a vein of philistinism seems to be creeping into the columns of your esteemed paper".

This is not a new phenomenon. In *The Times* of June 12, 1855, Mr J. W. Davison, writing of Wagner's overture to *Tannhauser*, said:

> We sincerely hope that no execution, however superb, will ever make such senseless discord pass, in England, for a manifestation of art and genius.

This, and many other examples of bigotry and wrongheadedness drawn from the writings of critics in most "musical" nations, can be found in Nicholas Slominsky's excellent *Lexicon of Musical Invective* (University of Washington Press).

I commend this book, documenting the errors of understanding and lack of tolerance of professional critics writing of most major composers from Beethoven onwards to all who, like Mr Lambert and his colleagues (and me), shudder at the flatfooted and ill-natured "certainties" of people like your contributors.

Perhaps the best verdict is the one quoted by Mr Slominsky in his foreword (Philip Hale, commenting on Hanslick's tirade against Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto):

> I think that the violence of Dr Hanslick was as much inspired by the desire to write a readable article as by any just indignation.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN E SANDERSON,
54 Victoria Street,
Englefield Green,
Egham, Surrey.

Countryside heritage

From Mr David Green

Sir, David Lort-Phillips (February 21) is right to point out that farmers require planning permission for development which exceeds the general development order tolerances. I hope, however, he will forgive me for taking some of the shine off that point.

If planning permission is refused for farm development and the Secretary of State upholds that refusal on appeal, the farmer is one of the few people still able to claim compensation. This does tend to inhibit planning authorities in refusing planning applications – and secretaries of state in upholding them.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
Rhyd yr Harding,
Castle Morris,
Nr Haverfordwest, Dyfed.

Organ transplants

From Mr Richard Tracey, MP for Surbiton (Conservative).

Sir, It was a pity that Bernard Levin (February 17) was much less than helpful, even arguably destructive, about the House of Commons debate on Sir John Biggs-Davison's private member's motion on the donation of organs for transplants. I felt, as one who has in the past shared Mr Levin's position as a journalist viewing Parliament from outside but is now a member, thoughtful and constructive.

I think I can also say, as one of the speakers who did *not* speak in support of a "contracting out" system by the public so deplored by Mr Levin, that this aspect was most sensitively handled by the proposer and, from the Labour benches, by Mr Tom Dalyell, who was then subjected rather gratuitously to Mr Levin's waspish pen.

The important function of the debate, so far as I was concerned, was to discuss why so few people volunteer as donors, why doctors are not more positive as advisers, and then to assist in what way we might in the public information and education process. As MP for the constituency in which Ben Hardwick and his parents live I am considering this problem, probably more than many.

I have also seen parts of letters written to the BBC *That's Life* programme, which publicised Ben's plight, by parents of children who have died tragic deaths. These show beyond doubt that such parents wish they had been asked by doctors in these circumstances to donate their children's organs, feeling they would thereby have salvaged something from the tragedy by helping another to live, and often they resent not having been approached.

The public information and education process was gravely set back once before by a broadcast documentary. I hope Mr Levin's article has not similarly alarmed many who have not read the full debate in Hansard and set back the process again.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD TRACEY,
House of Commons.
February 20.

Arts subject to political curb?

From Professor Alexander Goehr

Sir, The Hanns Eisler Ensemble was set up to perform mainly twentieth century music. Some of the repertoire is connected with radical political themes. Recently they commissioned a new, up-dated version of Brecht and Eisler's *The Mother* from Margaretta D'Arcy and John Arden, who decided to place it in contemporary Ireland.

The text expresses opposition to British policy in Northern Ireland and, furthermore, places this in the wider context of Nato policy. The Eisler Ensemble were in receipt of a guarantee against loss from the Arts Council of Great Britain. This was withdrawn because, it was said, the intention was "to make political propaganda in favour of the IRA".

This was strongly denied in a press statement issued by the Eisler Ensemble. The Arts Council, in fact had not seen the D'Arcy/Arden text; the point at issue was that the design of the publicity leaflet had featured in the background some small graffiti which included the device "IRA".

Regardless of one's views on British policy on Northern Ireland or elsewhere, are we to understand that the Arts Council does not support concerts which include material hostile to current policy? Or do they not support concerts which have any political content? Or is Northern Ireland singled out as a topic which is not to be discussed, in this form at least?

The decision by the Arts Council implies that there are political guidelines about the use of public money for promoting the arts. In view of this case, would it not be a good thing that the public be informed what these guidelines are, how and by whom they are applied, and what is their legal status?

Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDER GOEHR,
University of Cambridge,
Faculty of Music,
University Music School,
West Road,
Cambridge.
February 24.

Muck and brass

From Mr J. D. Sutherland

Sir, Sarah Hogg (February 20) claims, unconvincingly, that the statistical scale of the decline in manufacturing is misleading in that it often conceals a simple switch from employment to contract.

Surely the most prosperous people in the U.K. today are those who wouldn't touch manufacturing with a bargepole – the moneylenders, the brokers, the middlemen, the agents. Every month the lists of company liquidations grow longer; there is unfortunately scant evidence that the position is going to improve.

Yours,
J. D. SUTHERLAND,
41 Westella Way,
Kirkella,
Hull,
North Humberside.
February 22.

Tom Keating as faker

From Mr John Ford

Sir, Mrs Tilly Marshall (February 22) is unjust to the late Tom Keating. As the solicitor who represented him at the Central Criminal Court in 1979 I hope you will allow me to correct the misleading impression left by Mrs Marshall's letter.

Mrs Marshall is apparently disappointed that Tom Keating was not convicted. It must be pointed out that he had never previously been accused of any crime and he denied all the charges he faced, but the jury were never asked to decide the matter.

The case was dropped because the Attorney General intervened when it became clear to the expert physicians attending Tom Keating in hospital that he could not survive the ordeal of a resumed trial. Sadly this prediction has proved all too accurate; and Mr Keating and his family have been deprived of the opportunity to clear his name.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FORD,
Bindman & Partners, Solicitors,
1 Euston Road,
King's Cross, NW1.
February 27.

From Mr B. Yuill

Sir, As a painter myself I appreciate Tilly Marshall's rebuke (February 22) of Tom Keating's faking.

However, like all dealers she misses the humorous side of the matter. It was the pompousness of art dealers which suffered most at his hand; and for that I, like most painters, applaud him.

Yours,
BARRY YUILL,
The Cottage,
High Street,
Hawkesbury Upton,
Gloucestershire.
February 22.

Farewell to arms

From Mr S. E. MacKenzie

Sir, Mr J. Harris (February 22) should see in the funereal gun carriage the sombre truth that, "from the morning watch even until night", deterrence is a part of peace. So, too, if and when the international authority the United Nations' disarmament sessions envisage comes to be, it also will need "gun carriages" if it is effectively to love the peace.

Yours faithfully,
S. E. MacKENZIE,
Trefusis,
Cavendish Road,
Weybridge,
Surrey.
February 24.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 29: The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Welch Fusiliers, this morning received Major-General P. R. Leuchars on relinquishing his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment and Brigadier A. C. Ivian on assuming the appointment.

Afterwards Her Majesty received Lieutenant-Colonel R. J. Coate on relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Welch Fusiliers, and Lieutenant-Colonel T. L. Porter on assuming the appointment.

Mrs David Auton had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (Fifth Class).

Mr Peter Hartley had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (Fifth Class).

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Member, this morning visited the Baltic Exchange (Chairman Mr Carron Greig), St Mary Axe, EC3.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, this evening attended a Reception to launch a Folio Edition of African Mammal Drawings by Mr Jonathan Kingdon at the Wellcome Trust, 1 Park Square West, NW1.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, Intelligence Corps, later visited the Intelligence and Security Group (Volunteers) at Artillery House, Handel Street, WC1, where His Royal Highness was received by the Honorary Colonel of the Group (Colonel C. J. Workman) and the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel M. T. J. Bourne).

Major the Hon Andrew Wigram was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron of the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, this morning attended the launch of the Townswomen's Guilds Save the Children Fund Child Nutrition Unit at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, WC2.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by the National Chairman of the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds (Mrs J. Ramsden) and the Chairman of the Save the Children Fund (Mr Giles Witherington).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this afternoon visited the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (President, Mr D. L. Haxby), Belgrave Square, SW1.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this evening attended the opening night of the Stratford Ontario production of *The Mikado* at the Old Vic, and afterwards attended a Reception at the Savoy Hotel.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival at the Old Vic by the Mayor of Lambeth (Councillor R. Greenwood) and His Excellency the High Commissioner for Canada (the Hon Donald Jamieson).

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 29: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this afternoon visited Task Undertakings Ltd, Curzon Street Station, Birmingham.

In the evening The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, attended a Concert given by Genesis at The National Exhibition Centre, Solihull.

The Princess of Wales, this afternoon visited St Mary's Hospice, Selly Park, Birmingham.

Their Royal Highnesses, attended by Mr David Roycroft and Mrs George West, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 29: The Duchess of Gloucester as Patron this morning visited the Offices of AFASIC (Association for All Speech Impaired Children) at Central Markets, Smithfield, London.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 29: The Duke of Kent was represented by the Lord Cornwallis at the Memorial Service for the Earl of Warwick, which was held at St Margaret's Church, Westminster, today.

Lady Rose Windsor, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, is four years old today.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Bristol greatly regret being unable to attend the memorial service for the Prince of Pless because they were unable to leave their permanent residence in Monaco at that time.

A memorial meeting for Professor Sir Roy Allen will be held today at 5.30 at the London School of Economics, Houghton Street.

Reception

Independent Broadcasting Authority
The Chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, and Lady Thomson with Mr John Whitney, Director General of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, held a reception on Tuesday evening at the IBA in honour of Sir Alastair Burnet who was recently awarded a knighthood for services to broadcasting. Among those present were:
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Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker and Mrs Bernard Weatherill gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday. Those present were:
Lord Mackay of Clashfern, QC, and Lady Mackay, the Bishop of Southwark and Mrs Ronald Bowlby, Mr Peter Archer, QC, MP, and Mrs Archer, Sir Humphrey Atkins, MP, and Lady Atkins, Mr Michael Cocks, MP, and Mrs Cocks, Dr John Gilbert, MP, and Mrs Gilbert, Mr Esmond Bulmer, MP, and Mrs Bulmer, Miss Janet Fookes, MP, Mr Bryan Gould, MP, Mr Harry Gourlay, MP, Mr Peter Griffiths, MP, and Mrs Griffiths, Mr Robert Hicks, MP, Mr Kenneth Hind, MP, and Mrs Hind, Mr Michael Hirst, MP, and Mrs Hirst, Mr David Lightbown, MP, and Mrs Lightbown, Dr John Marek, MP, and Mrs Marek, Miss Joan Maynard, MP, Mr Phillip Oppenheim, MP, Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, and Lady Rossi, Mr Ken Weetch, MP, and Mr John Whitfield, MP, and Mrs Whitfield.



United Oxford and Cambridge University Club
Mr Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of Defence of the United States, was the guest of honour at a discussion-dinner held at the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club the day before yesterday. Other guests included the Archbishop of York. Mr D. U. Morgan, chairman of the club, presided.

Cable and Wireless plc
Mr Eric Sharp and the Court of Directors of Cable and Wireless plc were hosts at a dinner held at the Tallow Chandlers' Hall on Tuesday in honour of Mr J. W. Swan, Prime Minister of Bermuda. Speeches were made by Mr Sharp and Mr Swan. Among those attending were:
The High Commissioner for Jamaica, the High Commissioner for Guyana, the High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago, [illegible]

Society of Apothecaries of London
The Master of the Society of Apothecaries of London, Sir Peter Tizard, assisted by the Senior Warden, Professor N. Ashton, and the Junior Warden, Professor J. A. Dudgeon, presided at a livery dinner held last night at Apothecaries' Hall. Members and guests included:
Professor Lord Zuckerman, OM, Baroness Trumpington, Sir Christopher Booth, Sir Desmond Heap, Sir Brian Windeyer, Sir Thomas Padmore, Dame Phyllis Friend, Sir John Peel, the Ven Reginald Simpson, Judge D. Morgan Hughes, Mr Peter Viggers, MP, Dr J. M. Dow, and Dr T. D. Whittet.

Christening

The infant twin sons of Mr Mark and Lady Jacqueline Thomson and the grandsons of the late Marquess of Reading were christened Jake Michael Alfred and Luke Ivo Charles by the Rev Antony Hobbs in the Crypt Chapel of the Palace of Westminster on Thursday, February 23.

Manor House Limpsfield

Manor House Old Girls' Association is holding its annual reunion at 6 Stratford Studios, Kensington, W8 at 6.30 on March 6. Old girls and staff are welcome to attend.

Awards for writers

The Scottish Arts Council has awarded bursaries to the following six writers to enable them to devote more time to their writing.
Tom Gallacher and Tom Leonard, £6,000 each, Norman Macdonald and William Neill, £3,500, Mary Gladstone and Robin Munro, £2,000.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Major-General Charles Grey to be Controller of the Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association from March 1.

Major Robert Leslie Holtby, of Skirlaugh, North Humberside, to be a deputy lieutenant of Humberside.

Judge Pigot, QC, to be Senior Judge of the Court in the Sovereign Base areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia, Cyprus, from February 1, in succession to Mr D. M. Cowley, QC.

Mr Ivan Fallon, city editor, *Sunday Telegraph*, to be Deputy Editor *The Sunday Times*.

Mr Ian Johnston, of the Department of Employment, to be Under-Secretary and Director of Corporate Services, Manpower Services Commission, from February 27.

Mr Jocelyn Stevens to be Rector and Vice-Provost of the Royal College of Art, from September 1.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. H. Boteler and Miss T. C. Amery
The engagement is announced between John, second son of the late Lieutenant-Commander John Boteler and the late Mrs Tom Chambers and stepson of Wing Commander Tom Chambers, 4 Royal Avenue, SW3, and Theresa Catherine, second daughter of the Rt Hon Julian Amery, MP, and Lady Catherine Amery, 112 Eaton Square, SW1.

Mr M. J. Gregory Stanton and Miss S. L. Fulford
The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Major J. F. H. Gregory, of Hurstgreen, Dorset, and of Mrs E. W. Smith, of Shoreham, Sussex, and Sarah, younger daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel F. E. A. Fulford and of Lady Carew-Pole, of Horson House, Torpoint, Cornwall.

Captain A. J. N Graham and Miss S. M. B. O'Riordan
The engagement is announced between Andrew Graham, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, elder son of Sir John and Lady Graham, of London and Brussels, and Suzi, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs Paddy O'Riordan, of Chitterne, Wiltshire.

Mr R. W. Ainscow and Miss S.-J. P. Quilter
The engagement is announced between Robert Weldon, son of the late Mr and Mrs R. C. Ainscow, of Nottingham, and Sarah-Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Quilter, of 85 Highlands Heath, London, SW15.

Mr N. Ashley and Miss J. Campbell McNair-Wilson
The engagement is announced between Nick, younger son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Ashley, of 43, Rue Ducale, Brussels, Belgium, and Arabella Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick McNair-Wilson, of 5, Kelso Place, London, W8.

Mr P. Chadwell and Miss V. D. A. Groom
The engagement is announced between Philip, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P. A. Chadwell, of Hertfordshire, and Yvonne Denise Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K. W. Groom, of York.

Captain J. P. B. Beardsworth and Miss V. M. Cohen
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Paul Bingham, Royal Tank Regiment, eldest son of Major-General and Mrs S. J. Beardsworth, of The Old Vicarage, Broad Town, Wiltshire, and Virginia Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. D. A. Cohen, of The Farmhouse, Winkhurst Green, Ide Hill, Kent.

Mr W J Birkbeck and Miss B. H. Carnegy-Arbuthnott
The engagement is announced between William James, elder son of Mr and Mrs James Birkbeck, of Lima, Peru, and Bridget Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Carnegy-Arbuthnott, of Meadowburn of Balnamoon, Brechin, Angus.

Mr C. Demestihas and Miss S. J. Hickmet
The engagement is announced between Constantine, son of General and Mrs N. Demestihas, of Athens, and Serena Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Hickmet, of Buxton, Derbyshire.

Dr M. D. J. Donaldson and Miss J. I. Paget
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr D. R. Donaldson, CBE, and Mrs Donaldson, of East Horsley, Surrey, and Joy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T. W. Paget, of Easneye, Ware, Hertfordshire.

Dr R. E. Field and Miss L. C. E. Perry
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Harold Field, of Fearby, North Yorkshire, and Lisa, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs John G. Perry, of Brandon, Suffolk.

Mr J. C. Gates and Miss P. J. B. Sayer
The engagement is announced between Jeremy Charles, younger son of Major and Mrs B. C. Gates, of Cobham, Surrey, and Penelope Janet Burnard, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs O. B. Sayer, of West Charleton, Kingsbridge, Devon.

Mr J. I. Kennedy and Miss J. H. Toms
The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Dr R. D. Kennedy and Mrs H. R. Kennedy, of Inkpen, Berkshire, and Jacqueline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. J. Toms, of Charlbury, Oxfordshire.

Dr M. J. McGarvey and Dr L. M. C. Hall
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs McGarvey, of Glasgow, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr Douglas Hall, of Edinburgh, and Mrs Elizabeth Hall, of Dormansland, Surrey.

Mr K. F. H. Maxwell and Miss P. D. K. Warnford-Davis
The engagement is announced between Kevin, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Maxwell, of Oxford, and Pandora, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Warnford-Davis of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R. A. Meline and Miss A. Lambert
The engagement is announced between Randall, son of the late Mr and Mrs John Meline, of Des Moines, Iowa, United States and Alexandra, daughter of Mrs D. Lambert and the late Lieutenant-Commander D. Lambert, RN, of Alverstoke, Hampshire.

Mr J. D. Osborne and Miss J. A. Hann
The engagement is announced between Jonathan David, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. C. Osborne, of Barry, South Glamorgan, and Judith Annilea, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. Hann, of Winecellar Farm, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire.

Mr I. R. S. Prideaux and Miss N. S. Polding
The engagement is announced between Ian Richard Scott, eldest son of Mr D. Prideaux, of Staines, and Mrs D. May, of Bath, and Nicola Susan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. R. Polding, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr M. E. N. Shipsey and Miss S. F. Whiteside
The engagement is announced between Mark Edward Nicholas, elder son of Dr and Mrs Mervyn Shipsey, of Beckenham, Kent and Sally Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Whiteside, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.

Mr K. R. Simpson and Miss P. M. Hollingsworth
The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Mr and Mrs H. Simpson, of Norwich, Norfolk, and Pepita, elder daughter of Mr N. H. Hollingsworth, of Weston-super-Mare, Avon.

Dr K. Surtees and Miss L. Degene
The engagement is announced between Keith, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. G. Surtees, of Hucclecote, Isle of Skye, Scotland, and Lekemeyelsh, only daughter of Mrs Wubalech Gessesse and the late Mr Ato Degene, of Dessie, Wollo Province, Ethiopia.

Mr T. B. Wynne and Miss L. St George Jeffers
The engagemet is announced between Theodore Bates Wynne of Worcester, Massachusetts, United States and London, and Lana Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr Frank Jeffers and Mrs Denise St George Jeffers, of South Kensington, London, and the Republic of Ireland.

Marriage

Mr J Folkes and Miss X. Howard-Johnston
The marriage took place on Friday, February 24, at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, of Mr James Folkes, second son of Mr and Mrs John Folkes, of Mull House, Bay Mount, Port Erin, Isle of Man, and Miss Xenia Howard-Johnston, elder daughter of Mr Michael Howard-Johnston, of Antibes, France, and Mrs Jonathan Hillier, of 17 Blomfield Road, London, W9.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of oyster velvet embroidered with silk and seed pearls, and silk taffeta. Her Brussels lace mantilla was held in place by a diamond diadem. She was attended by Annabel Cotton, Katherine Reardon, and Nicola Hillier.

A reception was held at the Berkeley hotel and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Memorial services

Earl of Warwick
The Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, was represented by Lord Cornwallis, Pro Grand Master, at a memorial service for the Earl of Warwick held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster. Canon Trevor Beeson officiated, assisted by the Rev Charles Taylor. Lord Eden of Winton read the lesson and Mr Enoch Powell, MP, gave an address. Others present included:
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Sir Noel Bowater, Bt
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff Richard Charvet, attended a memorial service for Sir Noel Bowater held yesterday at St James's, Garlickhythe. Prebendary D. W. C. Mossman officiated and Colonel and Alderman Grevill Spratt, Castle Baynard Ward, read the lesson. Sir Euan Bowater, Bt (son) read an extract from "The Rock" by T. S. Eliot and Alderman Sir Edward Howard, Bt, gave an address. Among those present were:
Lady Bowater (widow), Mr and Mrs Christopher Beeson (son-in-law and daughter), Lady Bowater (daughter-in-law), Miss Jackie Bowater, Mr Moray Bowater, Alexis and Lucien Bowater, William Mills and David Beeson (grandchildren), Mrs M Johnsen and Mrs B Howell (sisters), the Hon Lady Bowater (sister-in-law), Mr Peter Johnsen, Mr David Howell, MP, Mrs C Ponsonby, Mr and Mrs Watcyn Lewis, Lady Bowater, Mr Nicholas Bowater.
The Master of the Vintners' Company and Lady Fison, Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, Bt, Sir John Ackroyd, Bt, Lady Truscott, Sir Edmund Stockdale, Bt, Sir Robert Bellinger (representing the Order of the British Empire), Sir Denis and Lady Truscott, Sir Charles and Lady Trinder, Sir Archibald Forbes, Sir David Floyd Ewin, Mr H Duckworth (Chief Commoner), Mr D A Rees (Bowater Group), Mr Arthur Ley (Ley Colbeck and Partners), Mr Timothy Ackroyd, Mr A J V Arthur (Old Rugbeian Society), Colonel J J Dingwall, Mrs R Copland, Mr Robert Knight, Mrs P Burdge, Mr Iain Murray, Mr Geoffrey Jameson, Mr Anthony Berry, Mr F Everington, Mr Ralph Peacock, Commander R D Ross, Mr Nigel Martin-Bird, Mr Derek Woolston (Midland Bank), Mr H O H Coulson and Mr Jeremy Tulk-Hart

Mr R Hughes
A memorial service for Mr Richard Hughes was held at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Prebendary Dewi Morgan officiated, officiated. Lord Maclehose of Beoch and Sir Denis Hamilton read the lessons. Mr Frank Giles gave an address and Mr David Chipp said a prayer.

Guest of honour

Mrs Charles Price II, wife of the American Ambassador, who was the guest of honour yesterday at the American Women's Club of London's luncheon and fashion show held at the Savoy Hotel. Proceeds went to the Royal Marsden Hospital cancer fund (photograph: John Voos).

Uppingham School

Uppingham School this year celebrates the four hundredth anniversary of its foundation by Archdeacon Robert Johnson in 1584. Official celebrations began yesterday with a ceremonial planting of trees in boarding house gardens.

The Founder's Day service will be held in the school chapel on June 17 at which the preacher will be Mr David Emms, Master of Dulwich College and Chairman of the Headmasters' Conference. The Quatercentenary Speech Day is on July 14 when the Visitor of the day will be Professor Sir John Butterfield, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University.

The celebrations will end with a service of thanksgiving in Peterborough Cathedral on October 26 at which the preacher will be the Bishop of Hereford.

Other events include a drama tour of the United States, a rugby football tour of France, a cricket tour to Barbados and an expedition to Sabah.

Old Uppinghamian dinners will be held at the school on April 24 and October 26 and in Hongkong on August 29. Old boys and girls who have not received details of these and other events are invited to contact the Secretary of the Old Uppinghamian Association at the school.

Birthdays today

Mr Harry Belafonte, 57; Mr David Broome, 44; Mr Douglas Bunn, 56; Sir Keith Falkner, 84; Sir Maurice Fiennes, 77; Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, 66; Lord Justice Kerr, 63; Professor James Lister, 61; Commandant Dame Nancy Robertson, 75; Professor Lord Swann, 64; Major-General P. T. Tower, 67.

The night sky in March

By Our Astronomy Correspondent

Mercury will be in superior conjunction on the 8th, but should be observable for the last week or so of the month, when it will not set until more than an hour after the Sun. It is approaching elongation and although fading will still be quite bright. Spring elongations are favourable for observing this planet.

Venus remains a bright object in the morning sky, rising over an hour before the Sun. The altitude will be low at sunrise, but its magnitude will be -3.9. Moon near it on the 30th.

Mars is still in Libra and it rises a little before midnight. Moon in the area on the 21st and 22nd.

Jupiter is rising earlier and will be quite prominent in the east before dawn with a magnitude of -2.0. Moon not far from it on the 25th.

Saturn will become visible in the late evening but is not quite on our map. It will brighten slightly. Moon not far from it on the 25th.

Uranus will rise in the early hours, about 01h in the middle of the month, and Neptune about an hour later.

The Moon: new, 2d19h; first quarter, 10d18h; full, 17d10h; last quarter, 24d08h.

Algol: approximate times of evening minima are 13d22h and 16d19h.

The vernal equinox, when the Sun will cross the equator from south to north and traditional spring begins, will be at 20d10h. The day will already be longer than the night by a few minutes.

British Summer Time will begin on the 25th, when 02h GMT will become 3 am BST. GMT will still be used in these notes unless otherwise stated.

Owing to the delayed publication of the last astronomy notes and a consequent limitation of space, the account of the difference in length of morning and afternoon was not completed. The stage reached was that solar time by the sundial differs from mean time by the clock by an amount which varies throughout the year. Here is an up-dated continuation.

On March 1st the Sun will cross the meridian, and the sundial read 12h00m, at 12h12m GMT: the clock therefore is 12m fast. Sunrise in latitude 52° (south Midlands in England) will be at 6h45m by the clock but at 6h33m by real solar time; thus the morning until noon GMT will be shortened by 12m. Sunset at 17h40m will be 12m late, thus lengthening the afternoon.

With these approximate figures the sundial morning would be 5h27m and the afternoon 5h28m. If the difference were exactly 12m at noon, on this date it would be a little more at sunrise and a little less at sunset, so mornings and afternoons would not match exactly.

These times are for the Greenwich meridian, so readers elsewhere who want to check the argument must remember that they will be four minutes later for each degree west of Greenwich and similarly earlier if east. It is possible that a new sundial in a public park or private garden has been set to make allowance for longitude. It is also possible that the dial you are looking at has not been set at all, or has been disturbed.

For the earlier part of the evening the constellation Orion will be prominent in the south and the nebula M42 most favourably placed for observation with binoculars. Without them the object is just visible as a hazy spot; with them it is beautiful, but not much like the colour pictures in the popular books.

This is often the case with celestial objects, partly because the intensity of their light is close to the minimum threshold of colour vision, and partly because the eye and the photographic film react differently to various colours.

What you will see in this case is more like a black and white picture with a greenish tinge, whereas the colour photograph shows reddish and yellow tints. The green which the eye picks up better than the film is due to oxygen atoms which have lost two electrons. The red which is not bright enough for the eye but which shows on the film is due to hydrogen. The nebula is a mass of gas and dust of very low density, with embedded stars, and is presumed to be a region where new stars are being formed.

Science report

Sulphurous life deep in the ocean

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

There is intense fascination among marine biologists over the recent discovery of large colonies of mussels, clams, strange shaped fish, giant tube worms, and more primitive organisms thriving in conditions that are normally lethal.

They were found in deep parts of the ocean where hot rocks lying beneath the Earth's surface had poked through the seabed. Jets of hot water and gases laden with hydrogen sulphide, which is generally regarded as poisonous to animals are periodically ejected from vents in the rocks.

The temperature of the hot water streams was thought to exceed 450°F. The biologists were baffled at how the animals survived with no sunlight, no significant amount of food dropping from the surface, and in a habitat saturated with highly toxic sulphur compounds.

A report in *Nature* of the latest results by oceanographers of explorations of the deep ocean floor suggests that the recordings of the temperature emissions from geothermal vents were too high.

More accurate observations put the temperature of the toxic mixture at about 200°F, providing conditions in which strains of bacteria are capable of growing in sulphur-rich conditions.

Although some of the marine creatures simply feed on the bacteria, a giant tube worm measuring 6ft has a symbiotic relationship with the micro-organism. The bacteria live inside the worms, providing them with energy to make carbohydrates and proteins.

Before scientists have had time to classify this unusual ecosystem as unique to deep oceans, further evidence has emerged to show that sulphur-metabolizing bacteria can support fish and crustacea in shallow waters that would usually be regarded as too noxious to support any life form.

Studies by marine biologists at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography of shallow waters began when specimens of microorganisms were brought in for identification by Mr Jeffrey Stein, a postgraduate biology student, who had been scuba-diving. They were classified as belonging to the group of bacteria capable of processing sulphur compounds.

In *Science*, the monthly journal published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Mr Stein describes several areas of shallow waters in which crabs, clams, snails, and some fish have been found feeding on sulphur-rich organisms.

OBITUARY

DR LABIB HABACHI
Leading Egyptologist

Dr Labib Habachi, whose death on February 18 has been reported from Cairo, was the outstanding Egyptian Egyptologist of his generation and a scholar of international importance.

He was born at Mansura in the Nile Delta in 1906 into a Coptic family with commercial interest. From his earliest days he showed more than a passing concern for the Pharaonic heritage of his country, but was equally attracted to the religious life of Coptic monasticism. Antiquity triumphed in the end, although his attachment to the Christian faith of his community remained strong.

Graduating from Cairo University in 1928 he entered the Egyptian Antiquities Service as a junior inspector in 1930, serving in many places throughout Egypt in the years up to and during the Second World War. He belonged to a group of talented Egyptian archaeologists who during these years worked closely with the foreign scholars who controlled the service. Their abilities and training eventually made the change to a Service free from foreign control after the revolution of 1952 a relatively smooth and successful process.

The good relations built up over many years with foreign Egyptologists survived the political upheaval remarkably intact and much of the credit for this and for the continuation of fruitful co-operation with foreign archaeological missions should go to Habachi and his colleagues.

His services to his subject, however, far exceed those of diplomacy. His committment was that of a true scholar. He was curious, observant, perspicacious, imaginative and remarkably energetic. His many and varied postings provided him with excellent opportunities to become closely acquainted both with the standing monuments of the great sites and also with the less well preserved remains of unfrequented ancient places, particularly in the Delta.

Endowed with a remarkable memory and a computer-like ability to make connections, Labib Habachi was able to make very significant contributions to Egyptological knowledge, particularly in the field of prosopography. His solution for the long-standing problem of the identification of the Delta residence of the Ramesside kings demonstrated his scholarship but brought him into conflict with his admired friend Sir Alan Gardiner. Gardiner did not appreciate opposition but as in this case he was ever ready to yield to good argument.

Among Habachi's many discoveries through excavation, the most memorable were the Heqaib complex on Elephantine Island at Aswan in 1946 and the great Kamose Stela at Karnak in 1954.

Fieldwork yielded to more academic studies after his premature retirement from the Antiquities Service in 1960. Free from formal commitments except during the Nubian emergency, when he worked closely with the expedition of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, he devoted his retirement to active scholarship, producing a rich harvest of articles and monographs, many devoted to his particular loves, the Delta sites and the rock graffiti of the First Cataract region.

His cooperation in many projects was eagerly sought by foreign expeditions, in particular those of the Oriental Institute of Chicago, the German Archaeological Institute, and the Austrians excavating at Tell el-Daba in the region of his own beloved Qantir. His sympathies lay particularly with scholars who worked on standing monuments for he saw how great were the dangers threatening the ancient sites; he was severe in his criticism of those who failed to appreciate these dangers.

In essence, however, he was a kindly man generous in all things, a good friend to all Egyptologists and to a host of people who visited Egypt for other purposes and fell in love with its monuments. A remarkable testimony of the affection and respect in which he was held was the volume of essays written by 70 Egyptologists of all countries presented to him on his 75th birthday.

FREDERICK BRILL

Anthony Harris writes:
Frederick Brill, the painter, who died on February 16 was Principal of Chelsea School of Art until 1979. Although born in London and associated with Chelsea for most of his life, Yorkshire became his second home, and he studied and painted in Italy.

His apprenticeship started in his early teens in the junior department of Hammersmith Art School. Following a year at The Slade, he graduated to The Royal College of Art where he was awarded the Silver Medal for Distinction in Painting. During the war years the college was evacuated to Ambleside and the experience of working in the Pennines aroused his passion for the North Yorkshire dales.

In 1946, he joined other distinguished visiting teachers such as Henry Moore and Graham Sutherland at the Chelsea Polytechnic. This tradition of employing practising artists on a part time basis was continued by Brill when he became Head of Painting and finally Principal of Chelsea School of Art.

The penetrating vision exemplified in his draughtsmanship was reflected in his lucid criticism of other artists' works, in his mongraph on Matisse and his essay on Turner's "Peace-Burial at Sea".

A generation of staff and students will recall not only his rare combination of artistic and administrative skills, but his concern for the professional artist. He was instrumental in establishing several scholarships. His perceptiveness and fairness were acknowledged in his chairmanship of the faculty of painting of The British School at Rome and as a council member of The Edward Austen Abbey Memorial Fund. As a co-trustee of The Lorne fund, he gave sympathetic support to artists in mid-career.

He exhibited regularly at The Royal Academy and in many provincial galleries. his work ranged from keenly observed portraits and still lifes to studies made in Venice and Rome. His landscapes of Wensleydale are particularly memorable.

RABBI DR LESLIE EDGAR

Rabbi Dr Leslie I. Edgar, who died in London on February 2, aged 78, became the spiritual leader of British Judaism's radical wing when, in 1948, he succeeded his father-in-law Rabbi Israel I. Mattuck as Senior Minister of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood.

A graduate of Christ's College, Cambridge, with first class honours in History and Oriental Languages, he held his ministry from 1931 until his semi-retirement in 1961 and full retirement in 1965, including wartime chaplaincy service with the Army in France, Belgium and Holland.

In the postwar years he played a leading role in the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues, which elected him successively deputy president, president and hon life president, and in the World Union for Progressive Judaism, which he served as co-chairman, then vice-president. The American rabbinic seminary, Hebrew Union Collaege – Jewish Institute of Religion, conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Edgar was also prominent in inter-faith activities, particularly as co-chairman and latterly co-president of the London Society of Jews and Christians, and was held in high esteem among Christian clergy. He was president of the London Society for the Study of Religion in 1949-50, and in 1952 gave the Essex Hall Lecture on "Cooperation Between World Religions".

DR REDVERS OPIE

Dr Redvers Opie, CMG, who has died in Mexico at the age of 84, was an economist and businessman who had an unusual career that included a time at Oxford, and then took him successively to the United States and to Mexico, of each of which he became in turn a naturalized citizen.

Opie was born on January 20, 1900, and educated at Rutherford College and the University of Durham, at which he became a Lecturer in Economics. He then spent several years in the United States, at Wellesley College and at Harvard. In 1931, on his return to this country, he became a Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford and a university lecturer, when PPE was still in its early days.

Opie's teaching was highly regarded, and he was noted for his criticism of Keynes and advocacy of market principles.

On the outbreak of war, finding himself in the United States, he became an economic adviser to the British Embassy, and remained there throughout the war years. He played a significant part in the preparations for the Bretton Woods conference, which laid the groundwork for the international monetary system of the postwar period.

Opie left the Embassy in 1946 but stayed on in the United States, involving himself in business activities and becoming a United States citizen in 1948. From 1947 to 1953 he was a senior staff member of the Brookings Institution in Washington.

In later years he moved to Mexico, becoming a Mexican citizen in 1978. He served for some years as economic counsellor to the American Chamber of Commerce in Mexico City, and published a newsletter on the Mexican economy.

Colonel Walter Hugh Crichton, CIE, who died on February 16 at the age of 87, was a former member of the Indian Medical Service who was director of public health, military government, in 21 Army Group 1944-45, and later chief of the World Health Organization mission to Korea (1950) and public health administrator for WHO in the East Mediterranean Region until 1956.

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THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

A brutish approach to tax gathering

The year 1984 is already turning out to be an annus mirabilis for the Inland Revenue – the spring Budget is still two weeks away.

The Dawson judgment in the House of Lords on February 9 appears to have elevated motivation above the law should the Revenue wish to challenge any tax avoidance scheme. The decision, on "legal advice", to alter the basis of taxing building societies' capital gains in the course of a tax year favours the Exchequer at the expense of the saver and the home-buyer.

The letter to the banks inviting them to prepare for the composite rate treatment hitherto reserved for building societies is a brutish way to deal with non-payers, whatever may be said for it in terms of Revenue convenience, extra and earlier tax gathering and equality of treatment for banks and building societies. A triple jump of this magnitude is worth more than gold.

And there seems a very good chance that the Revenue will also succeed in changing the basis of taxing companies' overseas earnings – an event of even greater significance.

Three themes have emerged in Mr Lawson's revenue wringing cycle: firstly, he is determined to treat equally financial institutions competing in similar markets; secondly, the burden of collecting taxes will be transferred wherever possible from the Revenue onto other shoulders; and lastly the campaign against tax evasion/avoidance will be pursued with fresh and unremitting vigour. The Revenue is redeploying 850 of its strength against moonlighters, and turning banks into tax collectors will catch bank interest not hitherto declared in tax returns.

Not all the details of this proposed change have been worked out. The Treasury has refused all comment and it is apparently furious that *The Times* revealed its intentions, in advance of the Budget. Replying to a parliamentary question from Mr Jim Craigen, Labour MP for Glasgow, Maryhill, that the Chancellor publish the letter to the banks on introducing a composite rate system, Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said the Chancellor had many confidential exchanges and it was not practice to publish them.

The incendiary device is the probable exclusion of National Savings, which would leave the Government as the monopoly supplier of tax-paid interest savings schemes. It would suit the Government's book to raise more funds through National Savings and so reduce the need to sell gilts.

Banks with a large proportion of elderly, low-income savers, would see their customers deserting them. The Trustee Savings Bank, which is due to be privatized, would be expecially vulnerable because of its relatively downmarket customer profile.

The one certainty is that a switch to a composite rate system will force the banks to compete more aggressively for personal sector deposits. The new high-interest bank account launched by Save & Prosper specifically to cream off the banks' best customers, is the latest evidence of fierce rivalry in this market.

Two cheers for good intentions

Perhaps because the minister concerned is an accountant, reforms in insolvency law passionately canvassed by Sir Kenneth Cork in his June, 1982, report have not been left to gather dust in a Whitehall filing cabinet. That said, legislation proposed now by the Government is strictly a mandarin measure.

Difficult issues have been fudged or simply avoided. The status of the Inland Revenue and local authorities as preferential creditors would remain in law and that of public utilities (gas, electricity, British Telecom) would remain in practice. Without some give here the chance of persuading banks to leave a little of their floating charges to relieve the distress of small suppliers who often go under when a company fails is nil. No direct relief is extended to victims of rogue traders who move effortlessly, and profitably, from company to company. No thorough reform of court procedures is envisaged.

Instead, the White Paper puts great emphasis on "privatizing" as much as possible of both company and personal insolvency, supposedly to leave the Insolvency Service of the Department of Trade free for more serious investigation and prosecution within its straitened budget. There is clearly scope for simplifying smaller personal bankruptcy procedures and for unclogging the courts. It is questionable, however, whether reducing rather than extending official involvement will help stamp out fraud.

The White Paper's substantive proposals are welcome. Apart from the direct action on headline abuses by directors and cowboy liquidators, the penalties on compulsory liquidation and the threat of personal liability under the new, but as yet not properly worked out, concept of "wrongful trading". Should help both customers and suppliers. The trade department has moved cautiously and carefully across no-man's-land between establishing public confidence in limited liability on the one hand and deterring would-be business venturers on the other.

The most intriguing proposal, taken after much heart-searching from the Cork Report, is a new figure dalled the administrator, who can be appointed at an earlier stage of the slide to insolvency

On the surface, the administrator looks like a move towards the successful American system, which allows companies to apply for a debt-moratorium to carry out their own rescue plan under Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code. The obvious difference is that the administrator would be a court-appointed official and an accountant, not the company's existing management or trouble-shooting new management.

Those differences and the administrator's limited discretion to carry on business beg the question of whether he will be anything more than a glorified receiver, with wider responsibilities to shareholders as well as creditors, but still with a receiver's mentality and liabilities.

Manifestly there is plenty of room for adjustments before the Bill is drafted into as well as during the bill's committee stage. For the moment, Mr Fletcher rates two cheers.

New respite for Scott Lithgow shipyard

By Jonathan Davis
Financial Correspondent

Scott Lithgow was given a further temporary reprieve yesterday when Trafalgar House confirmed that it was continuing with its bid for the yard despite the lapsing of its original takeover agreement with British Shipbuilders.

Bechtel, one of the two rival bidders for the threatened Clydeside yard, admitted publicly for the first time however that it may soon be forced to drop out of the running because of political and union objections to its plans.

The Government meanwhile confirmed that it is providing British Shipbuilders with an extra £125m this financial year as a contingency to cover the possibility that all the takeover attempts fail and the yard has to close. This is the first official indication of the considerable public expenditure cost associated with the Scott Lithgow crisis.

The original "conditional agreement" between Trafalgar House and British Shipbuilders for the takeover of Scott Lithgow was signed on February 8, and set the end of February as the deadline for completion of negotiations.

Trafalgar House said last night that the agreement has lapsed, and the company would not be seeking formally to renegotiate it. "But since nobody else has made an offer, we are still hanging on in the hope of being able to rescue the yard", a spokesman said. "We assume that we can pick up the agreement again later if need be".

Trafalgar House denied that it had set a new deadline for completing its takeover, but reiterated its long-standing argument that time was getting very short for any bid to be completed. British Shipbuilders also confirmed that the original agreement had lapsed, but said that since neither party has withdrawn their agreement, it could be revived

Rumours that Bechtel might abe about to withdraw from the bidding for Scott Lithgow have been circulating for some days. Its intention has been to make an offer in harness with a group of Scottish financial institutions.

The company said last night that it was still in negotiations with Britoil about how it would complete the £88m North Sea rig which Britoil cancelled before Christmas. A spokesman said: "We are still in the running, but we recognize that there are a number of aspects of our plans for the yard which may not be acceptable either politically or to British Shipbuilders or to the unions. These problems could become insuperable".

Bechtel's plans include making all the existing workforce redundant and closing the yard completely for three months before reemploying workers, whereas Trafalgar House has promised to keep on at least 1,500 of the yard's workforce.

Howard Doris, the Anglo-French rig construction company which already operates one Scottish yard at Loch Kishorn, is still in the running for Scott Lithgow. It has promised to make submissions to British Shipbuilders by the end of this week

Dispute mars launch of life insurance commissions register

By William Kay and Andrew Cornelius

The main life insurance companies were attempting yesterday to patch up their differences after the controversial decision to go ahead with there plan to introduce self-regulation of sales commissions on life policies.

The decision to go ahead with Rolac – the Registr of Life Assurance Commissions – was taken by companies accounting for about 75 per cent of new annual-premium policies sold in Britain each year, and about 60 per cent of single-premium policies. They included around 80 of the top names including Sun Alliance, Scottish Widows, Abbey Life, the Prudential and the Pearl.

However eight companies abstained – including Save & Prosper – at the meeting called to decide on Rolac, and two traditional life companies, UK Provident and National Mutual, have refused to join unless fundamental changes are made to the agreement.

Mr Stamp Brooksbank, the chairman of UK Provident, said yesterday that the Rolac agreement is too narrowly based and should include the activities of tied agents and self-employed direct salesmen. Unless a commissions agreement included all salesmen, there would be insufficient protection for the consumer, he claimed.

However, UK Provident stressed that favoured the introduction of a voluntary market commissions agreement and would continue trying to persuade other companies to amend Rolac.

One solution would be to introduce a two-tier commissions agreement for insurance brokers and tied agents, and another for self-employed salesmen. UK Provident may try to enlist the support of Professor Laurence Jim Gower whose report on investor protection favoured some control of life insurance commissions.

Mr Brian Wright at Sun Alliance, who has spearheaded the campaign to introduce Rolac, said yesterday that he hoped that UK Provident could be persuaded to reconsider. The problems could be thrashed out by an existing working party which included representatives of the major companies, he said.

"This positive commitment to self-regulation by the major party of the life assurance industry is a significant step in the protection of the consumer," he added. "It is very much hoped that all sectors of the industry will now give their backing to the agreement and help in the solutuion of the remaining problem areas."

The new scheme planned to be introduced from next January, has been developed as a result of the Life Offices' Association decision to scrap its commissions agreement with effect from January 1 last year.

Rolac, which takes in non-LOA member companies, aims to replace the old agreement with a system of differential commissions for different classes of specialist insurance brokers and other intermediaries.

A Rolac management committee is being formed and an independent registrar will be named later this month.

The registrar will play a crucial role. As many as five member offices will have to satisfy him that a broker is worthy of being accepted into a specialist category.

Rolac is the industry's attempt to ward off the threat of government intervention.

Civil servant in line for OECD post

By Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

Sir Kenneth Couzens, permanent secretary at the Department of Energy, is being proposed by the Government for one of two top jobs in the international economic institutions.

The plum post is secretary – general of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, filled for the past 15 years by a Dutchman, Mr Emile van Lennep. However, Sir Kenneth is also in the running to head the International Energy Agency, a job also likely to fall vacant this summer.

Members of the OECD, which include all major industrial countries, failed to agree on a successor the Mr van Lennep when his last two-and-a-half-year term of office expired. The job, based in Paris, traditionally goes to a European.

But since a Frenchman is managing director of the International Monetary Fund, strong candidates from France – Mr Raymond Barre has been mentioned, among others – are not thought to be acceptatle to other members.

Sir Kenneth Couzens: Proposed by British Government

There remains a much mentioned German, Heer Liiesser Kiep, a former finance minister of Lower Saxony, and Britain's Sir Kenneht. Mr Christopher McMahon, deputy governor of the Bank of England, was at one time thought to be a strong candidate but does not now appear interested.

Sir Kenneth cannot quite rival Mr McMahon's formidable experience in international affairs, but his two years in charge of overseas side of the Treasury were generally accounted a success.

UK balance of payments in the red

By Frances Williams
Economics Correspondent

Britain's balance of payments on current account lurched into the red in January after an exceptionally good trade performance in December. But revisions to earlier figures have boosted last year's current account surplus by £450m to £2,470m compared with £5,643m in 1982 and there are signs that the underlying trend may be improving.

The current account worsened by nearly £700m in January, recording a deficit of £129m after a £568m surplus the previous month. A visible trade deficit of £339m was only partly offset by an estimated surplus of £210m on invisible trade such as insurance, banking and shipping.

Exports fell sharply, with lower oil and aircraft deliveries accounting for more than half the 10 per cent drop, while imports rose by 2.5 per cent. The extra imports were, however, concentrated on intermediate goods, reflecting restocking by British industry. Imports of consumer goods fell.

The monthly trade figures have proved extremely erratic in the past. Between October and January Britain's visible trade position has improved by about £500m. This is more than accounted for by a bigger surplus on trade in oil, up by some £700m.

But the volume of non-oil exports has also increased sharply in recent months. In the three months to January exports were 4.5 per cent higher than three months previously, far outstripping the 2 per cent rise in imports excluding oil.

Societies attract £900m

By Peter Wilson-Smith Banking Correspondent

Building societies attracted more than £900m of savings last month and the final figure for net receipts could be higher than January's £926m, which was the second best month on record. Societies also raised about £50m from wholesale sources but with demand for mortgages picking up strongly, there are still doubts whether mortgage rates will come down much after the Budget.

Mr Herbert Walden, chairman of the Building Societies Association, renewed the attack on the Government for doubling the societies' tax bill by changing the rules on how gilt profits are taxed. In a speech last night, he said that building society members would have to foot the bill and mortgage rates would be higher or investment rates lower than would otherwise be the case.

Dollar at DM low

The dollar fell to a low point of Deutsche mark 2.5855 in the foreign exchanges yesterday after the announcement that January's American trade deficit hit a monthly record of $9.47 billion. But although confidence in the dollar remains low, it recovered slightly to close only 40 points lower on the day at DM2.5960.

The unexpectedly sharp jump in US leading indicators had little effect

Sterling showed some temporary nervousness after the British trade figures were announced. It was easier against most leading currencies, its trade-weighted value slipping 0.1 to 83.3. The pound closed 35 points down at $1.4905 still 1.65 cents higher than the close on Tuesday.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 1040.3 up 1.1 (day's high: 1040.6 Low: 1032.2)
FT Index: 819.8 up 0.7
FT Gilts: 82.64 down 0.08
FT All Share: 493.12 down 0.30
Bargains: 25,095
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 108.58 up 0.36
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1157.24 up 0.10
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,030.70 down 43.08
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1059.29 up 17.73
Amsterdam: 168.3 down 0.4
Sydney: AO Index 974.2 down 7.3
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1020.9 down 7.6
Brussels: General Index 140.40 down 0.95
Paris: CAC Index 141.40 down 2.90
Zurich: SKA General 305.60 down 2.90

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling
$1.4905 down 35pts
Index 83.3 up 0.1
DM 3.8750 down 0.0125
FrF 11.9050 up 0.0950
Yen 348 down 1.0
Dollar
Index 126.6 up 0.4
DM 2.5960 down 0.0040
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.6105
Dollar DM 1.4870
INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.577739

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9
Finance houses base rate 9½
Discount market loans week fixed 9⅛ . 9
3 month interbank 9³⁄₃₂ - ⁷⁄₃₂
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10¹⁄₁₆ - ³⁄₁₆
3 month DM 5⅞ - 5¾
3 month Fr F16⅞-16⅝
US rates
Bank prime rate 11.00
Fed funds 9¼
Treasury long bond 99-99¹⁄₁₆

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $396.60 pm $394.25
close $394.75-$395.25 (£265-£265.50)
New York (latest): $394.50
Krugerrand* (per coin): $407-408.50 (£273.50-274.50)
Sovereigns* (new): $93-94 (£62.50-63.25)
*Excludes VAT

H Samuel pays £29m for rival

H. Samuel, the northern jeweller with 300 branches, launched an agreed £29m takeover bid yesterday for their rivals, James Walker Goldsmith & Silversmith.

Samuel is offering cash or cash and shares to gain control of the jewellers, whose 110 branches concentrated in the south will give Samuel a nationwide network.

Rumours of a counter bid were ebbing away last night although The Northern Goldsmiths Company is said to have been a persistent buyer of Walker shares.

James Walker was on Samuel's shopping list last autumn. Under the new management of Mr Anthony Dignum and Mr Anthony Edgar, Samuel needed a strategy. Profits had fallen from £5.34m to £3.26m last year although they are expected to recover to around £5m for the 12 months to January 28 on which an unchanged total 6.25p dividend will be paid.

As discussions were about to start, Cecil Gee, the men's outfitters bought 14.5 per cent of Walker through the market. Last night, Gee said it was watching events. Gee's shares added 4p to 135p.

The terms are 158p cash for each Walker ordinary, up 11p to 163p last night, and 131p cash for each Walker non-voting, up 11p to 133p in the market. Samuel is offering its non-voting shares as an alternative for up to 40 per cent of the total consideration on the basis of six for every five Walker voters and one for each Walker non-voters. Samuel's price was unchanged at 142p.

Samuel proposes to make a maximum 8.4 million non-voters available, but if fewer than 4 million are needed, N M Rothschild, the company's merchant bankers has promised to find buyers at 129p to ensure the issue. The bankers said the underwriting was completed in full yesterday.

COMPANY NEWS

General Accident

General Accident, Britain's largest motor insurer and a significant force in the troubled American insurance market, yesterday followed Commercial Union in giving a warning of continuing poor trading conditions and heavy weather losses in the first quarter of 1984.

The recent gales and rainy weather have cost General Accident £10m-£15m, Mr Nelson Robertson, the general manager, said.

However, General Accident came through 1983 with increased pretax profits of £65.6m (£21m the previous year) and worldwide underwriting losses which fell slightly from £153.8m to £150.2m compared with 1982.

The group's US underwriting losses increased from £40m to £56.3m, due largely to Hurricane Alicia, which cost the company £10m, echoing Commercial Union's experience.

In Britain, underwriting losses fell from £72.7m to £57.5m with losses being cut on both the commercial property and homeowners' account. Worldwide premium income grew by 8 per cent to £1,395m, while investment income increased by 5 per cent to £212m.

The board is recommending payment of total dividend for the year of 19p per share, against 17p.

Marley

Big gains from Marley's traditional roofing business and from the newer Payless do-it-yourself stores has more than doubled the building material company's profits. Volume sales of concrete roofing tiles were up by 40 per cent against an industry increase of 29 per cent.

The strong performance boosted profits from £12.1m to £28.2m last-year despite yet another set of disappointing figures from the American subsidiary, Ingrid. The good sales of roof tiles reflects local authority spending on house refurbishment, but the reduction in the improvement grant from 90 per cent to 75 per cent will slow growth this year. Analysts expect the company to make around £35m for the current year. The dividend has been raised from 2.5p to 3.2p.

Cope Allman

The new-look Cope Allman International, with Mr Michael Ashcroft in the chair and Mr Michael Doherty as managing director, has turned in half-year profits of £3.3m against last time's loss of £882,000.

Mr Doherty said: "This means that over the last 12 months we have made profits of £6.5m In calendar year 1982 we barely broke even."

Last year cope successfully fought off a 60p oer share takeover bid from a consortium led by Mr Ashcroft, who became chairman after increasing the stake held by his Hawley Group to 29.9 per cent. Cope's good figures stem from higher sales and lower costs, helped by a move to cheaper London offices.

In brief

● **Harris Queensway** is expected to report an extremely high level of acceptances today for its £35m contested bid for Stylo. Indications from shareholders suggest the figure will be more than 50 per cent, a level unprecedented for the first closing date of an offer, which normally nets under 1 per cent. Such a level of acceptances would back Harris' case for holding talks with the Stylo board which have so far been refused.

● **Coleman Milne**, a subsidiary of Hawley Group, which has a 14 per cent stake in Group Lotus, reported profits of £525,000 against £418,000 last year. The Group Lotus investment reduced earnings per share from 5.6p to 5.1p.

● **Heywood Williams**, the building materials group, announced that pre-tax profits rose from £847,000 to £2.4m in 1983 – well above the £2m forecast at the time of last November's £2m rights issue. The final dividend is also better than promised, 3.5p, against the forecast of not lesw than 3p.

● **A 47 per cent jump in profits** and a 49 per cent boost to dividend income is being promised by Bassett Foods, the liquorice allsorts confectionary group, to try to persuade shareholders to reject a £16.4m takeover bid from Avana Group.

Pre-tax profits will rise from £1.7m last time to £2.5m in the year to the end of this month while a final dividend of 4.55p raising the total for the year to 5.6p will be recommended, the company's formal defence document sent to shareholders yesterday reveals.

● **ICI and Wellcome Foundation** are to merge their animal health into a new company called Coopers Animal Health. Wellcome will have 51 per cent control of the British operation, and ICI 51 per cent of Australian and New Zealand end.

● **Edmond Holdings**, the former Allied Residential housebuilding firm, made profits of £620,000 last year, after a loss of £2.1m in 1982. A final dividend of 0.72p a share makes a total of 1.05p, against nil before.

General Accident

RESULTS FOR 1983

The audited accounts for the year to 31st December, 1983, will be published on 9th April, 1984, but preliminary and unaudited figures for 1983, with actual figures for 1982, are as follows : –

	1983 £m	1982 £m
Premium Income		
General Business	1,395.0	1,233.0
Long Term Business	132.0	125.1
	1,527.0	1,358.1
Profit and Loss Account		
Investment Income	212.5	195.5
Underwriting Results – General Business	(150.2)	(153.8)
Shareholders' Long Term Profits	4.9	4.5
	67.2	46.2
Less Interest on Loans	1.6	1.7
Profit before Taxation	65.6	44.5
Taxation – UK and Overseas	1.9	(9.1)
Profit after Taxation	63.7	53.6
Minority Interests and Preference Dividends	1.5	1.3
Profit for the year available to Ordinary Shareholders	62.2	52.3
Dividends	32.0	28.6
Retained Profits	30.2	23.7
Earnings per share	37.0p	31.3p
Dividend per share	19.0p	17.0p
Net Assets per Share	677p	549p

ANALYSIS BY TERRITORY OF GENERAL BUSINESS PREMIUM INCOME AND UNDERWRITING RESULT

	1983 Premium Income	1983 Underwriting Result	1983 Principal exchange rates used	1982 Premium Income	1982 Underwriting Result	1982 Principal exchange rate used
	£m	£m		£m	£m	
UK	488.2	(57.5)	–	469.3	(72.7)	–
USA	550.8	(56.3)	$1.45	444.9	(40.0	$1.62
EEC other than UK	78.9	(12.3)	–	72.1	(14.9)	–
Canada*	123.4	(10.6)	$1.81	101.3	(6.7)	$1.99
Australia*	32.8	(4.6)	$1.61	37.9	(5.1)	$1.65
Others, including reinsurance	83.6	(4.5)	–	76.8	(8.4)	–
Marine and Aviation	37.3	(4.4)	–	30.7	(6.0)	–
	1,395.0	(150.2)		1,233.0	(153.8)	

* before internal reinsurance

Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 13.1% and 8.7% respectively. After excluding the effects of currency fluctuations, the increases were 8.3% and 5.2% respectively. Investment income excludes £5.8m (1982 £3.8m) representing amortisation of US deep discount bonds which under the USA accounting conversions would be credited to earnings.

UNDERWRITING

In the fourth quarter there was an underwriting loss of £15.0m (1982 £20.1m loss) in the UK and a loss of £8.1m (1982 £7.2m loss) in the USA. Other markets produced losses of £13.8m (1982 £15.0m loss) indluding a loss of £7.9m (1982 £2.5m loss) in Canada. The overall underwriting loss for the quarter was thus £36.9m (1982 £42.3m loss) and the pre-tax profit for the quarter was £21.3m (1982 £10.9m profit).

For the full year in the UK, all major classes contributed to the loss. With a further rise in claims frequency, but with some benefit from the recent private car rate increase, the motor account produced a slightly reduced underwriting loss of £18.6m (1982 £20.6m loss). The Homeowners account with a loss of £11.8m (1982 £12.4m loss) and the Commercial Property account with a loss of £17.8m (1982 £30.2m loss) both show improvement arising from a reduction in the cost of weather related claims, but increasing theft losses have had a serious effect on these accounts. There was further deterioration in liability experience.

For the full year in the USA, net premiums written were $799m (1982 $721m). The 1983 operating ratio, adjusted to include the cost of policyholders' dividends was 109.79% as compared with 108.76% in 1982. The property class results were particularly affected by Hurricane "Alicia" (which alone cost £10m) and the severe winter weather, and the liability classes also showed further deterioration. Private auto experience, although still unprofitable, showed an improvement.

Elsewhere for the full year, there were aggregate underwriting losses of £36.4m (1982 £41.1m loss). Experience in Australia, despite the bush fires in first quarter, was slightly improved, but an adverse trend which had been developing in Canada sharply accelerated in the last quarter mainly due to weather losses. Losses in the EEC overall were slightly reduced but London Market business continued to be very unprofitable.

LIFE DEPARTMENT

There was an increased contribution to profit and loss account from our long term funds, which also reported record new business production as follows :

	1983 £m	1982 £m
New Life and Annuity Premiums		
Annual	33.1	22.4
Single	29.0	24.5

FINAL DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1983

The Directors have decided to recommend to the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 2nd May, 1984, the payment of a final dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 11.0p per share making a total distribution for the year of 19.0p per share (1982 – 17.0p per share). The dividend will be payable on or after 1st July, 1984, to Shareholders on the register on 1st June, 1984.

NET ASSETS

The net asset value of the group increased during the year by £217m to £1,140m which improved the solvency margin to 81.7% of 1983 premium income (1982 75%).

29th February, 1984.

General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corporation Ltd
World Headquarters. General Buildings, Perth, Scotland.

MARKET REPORT • by Michael Clark

Broker warns on life insurance

The influential Scottish stockbroker Wood Mackenzie has become the first broking firm to publicly urge the big City institutions to lighten their exposure to the life insurance market ahead of the Budget.

The message came as a shock to the market on Tuesday and remained an unsettling factor yesterday as prices continued to tumble. Wood Mackenzie feels certain that the Chancellor will be turning his attention on the financial sector in the forthcoming Budget as highlighted by the recent decision of the Inland Revenue to tax building societies up to 40 per cent on all their investments. The chances of the life insurance sector escaping grow slimmer by the day.

Shares of George Wimpey have put up a fierce rearguard action this week closing 1p lower at 157p yesterday after a line of over 7 million shares were put through the market on Monday at about the 150p level. There had been talk that the shares were to have been placed substantially below the true market level, but in the event applicants had to be scaled down.

On average the life insurance companies invest about 25 per cent of their total portfolio investments in the gilt market amounting to a staggering £25,000m a year.

A spokesman for Wood Mackenzie said that the situation had become overblown, but maintained that investors should consider taking a "neutral position". This had little effect on the life insurance market where prices continued lose ground.

Britannic fell 8p to 495p, **Equity & Law** 12p to 805p, **Hambro Life** 8p to 456p, **Legal & General** 12p to 498p, **London & Manchester Group** 4p to 508p, **Pearl Assurance** 16p to 831p, **Prudential Corporation** 10p to 460p, **Refuge Assurance** 6p to 434p and **Sun Life Assurance** 17p to 614p.

The rest of the equity market decided to mark time awaiting the Chancellor's decision on stamp duty in the Budget. Most investors appear to have adopted the attitude of wait and see. The FT Index ended the day a mere 0.7 up at 819.8, while the FT-SE added 1.1 to 1040.3.

Gilts encountered gains of up to 25p encouraged by the firmer pound on the foreign exchange market and renewed downward pressure on interest rates. The latest trade figures showing a deficit of £339m during January made little impact.

Dealers said the figures were difficult to interpret with exports taking a nosedive and imports growing strongly. The high level of imports was worrying, but were mostly concentrated in the chemical sector rather than being broadly based.

Leading equities failed to establish any real trend. **London Brick** added 2p to 175p following Lord Hanson's victory for control of the company after gaining acceptances totalling 58 per cent. Dealers estimated that about 10 million shares changed hands yesterday as investors bought the London Brick assented as a cheap way into Hanson Trust convertible.

Hanson Trust will take the place of London Brick as a constituent of the FT Index.

Elsewhere, **Associated Dairies** rose 2p to 150p, **BICC** 10p to 270p, **Beecham** 5p to 318p, **Glaxo** 4p to 745p and **Tate & Lyle** 3p to 388p.

SCUSA, the American security company whose shares have traded on the USM since last year's flotation, plans to seek a full quotation within the next six months. This may be followed by a Wall Street quote. Yesterday, SCUSA's shares were unchanged at 124p.

Plessey was another firm market climbing 11p to 223p on hopes of clinching a multi-million contract in the US. Wood Mackenzie reckons it could be the Tri-Tac programme in the US of which Plessey is a member of a consortium. Tri-Tac is part of a US defence communications project said to be worth in excess of $4,000m. Plessey has already gained valuable experience of similar projects in both the UK and Australia.

Renewed fighting between Iran and Iraq was good news for the oil sector where most of the big oil producers enjoyed steady gains before profit taking took its toll. **BP** rose 6p to 431p, **Burmah** 1p to 181p, after 183p, **Britoil** 2p to 248p and **Ultramar** 5p to 677p.

Among the industrial holding companies **London & Northern** spurted 4p to 87p in late trading on news the group had renewed its hospital management contract with the Riyadh and Al Kharji Military hospitals in Suadi Arabia. The deal is estimated to be worth about £45m a year for London & Northern.

The leading High Street clearing banks recovered from a hesitant start ahead of this month's reporting season, but still closed below their overnight levels. **Barclays** slipped 2p to 542, after 539p, **Midland** 2p to 387p, after 382p, **Lloyds** 2p to 597p, after 594p, and **National Westminster** 8p to 734p, 729.

Insurance composites received the full year figures from **General Accident** well, but were disturbed by the warning on current trading. But after an initial shakeout the shares recovered on bear closing to end the day 14p higher at 460p. Small gains were also seen by **Commercial Union** 1p higher at 173p, **Guardian Royal Exchange** 3p to 516p, but **Royal Insurance** reporting later today slipped nervously 3p to 503p. Analaysts have almost ruled out the prospect of any growth in pretax profits and most are looking for between £93m and £97m compared with £96.5m last time.

Among the insurance brokers **Hogg Robinson** wiped out an early 3p loss to close unchanged on the day at 172p. Despite a number of bearish broker's circulars urging investors to take profits the shares continue to attract support. This has again given weight to the theory that a bidder may be waiting in the wings.

In stores there was another flurry of activity in **Debenhams** where the shares added 4p to 152p still awaiting final decision on the possible flotation of its Welbeck Finance subsidiary.

Among the newcomers **Petranol**, the British oil exploration group looking for oil in Texas, made a confident start opening with a healthy premium in first time dealings. The shares opened at 140p – a premium of 15p – compared with the offer for sale price of 125p. The shares having hit 146p eventually closed at 143p. Petranol plans to use the money to pay off existing debts and finance the acquisition of new leases in Texas.

The big City institutions are continuing to take their profits in Anglo United, the Toronto-based open cast coal miner, ahead of June's full London listing. Yesterday, the stockbroker Simon & Coates, placed another 450,000 shares with the market leaving the price unchanged at 58p.

On the Unlisted Securities Market, shares of Dewey Warren also opened at a premium after being placed at 105p. Dewey Warren is only the second Lloyds broker to be given a listing on the USM. The shares rose to 120p, but subsequent profit taking left the price at 113p – a premium of 8p.

Interest charges hit Johnson Matthey

By Michael Prest

Heavy interest charges depressed the pretax profits of Johnson Mathey, the precious metal, industrial and banking group, by £3m to £25.8m for the nine months to the end of December. Earnings per share slipped from 18.6p to 17p. Pretax profits for the third-quarter went up by £200,000 to £10.6m.

Johnson Matthey also said that extraordinary debits stemming from the debacle which overtook its jewelry manufacturing and distribution operations in the United States will exceed the upper limit of £50m estimated three months ago.

The rise in interest charges, up sharply from £5.9m to £19.5m, has been caused by stocks accumulating at the West Deptford plantinum refinery in New Jersey. But refinery production is now almost running at full capacity, and Johnoson Matthey expects interest payments to fall during 1984.

While sales were markedly higher at £784m compared with £718m, trading profits for the nine months rose by 38 per cent to £41.2m. Improved sales of industrial products, including ceramics and colourings, produced the third successive quarterly profits increase.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Sterling closed the day just above $1.49, after spending much of the trading session below it.

The dollar held a slightly better level against the pound until the US trade deficit was announced, then closed below DM 2.6 and under French fr 8 for the first time in many months.

Down 35 points on the overnight, the pound finished at 1.4905 after a high of 1.4955 in the early afternoon. The trade weighted index closed 0.1 down at 83.3, also reflecting easier sterling levels to the mark and French francs.

The dollar recovered slight ground on the better-than expected 1.1 per cent rise in US economic indicators and the December revision.

MONEY MARKET

Money rates held firm for much of the day, though the shortage was a fairly modest £250m.

Houses were required to pay 9 or even 9 1/16 per cent to secure a decent line, although for a brief period after lunch money was taken at around 8 per cent.

The Bank provided total assistance of £254m, channelled via outright purchases of bills across the four bands at established rates.

The close was still quite tight, despite the Bank apparently giving sufficient help, with final balances being picked up at mostly 9 per cent.

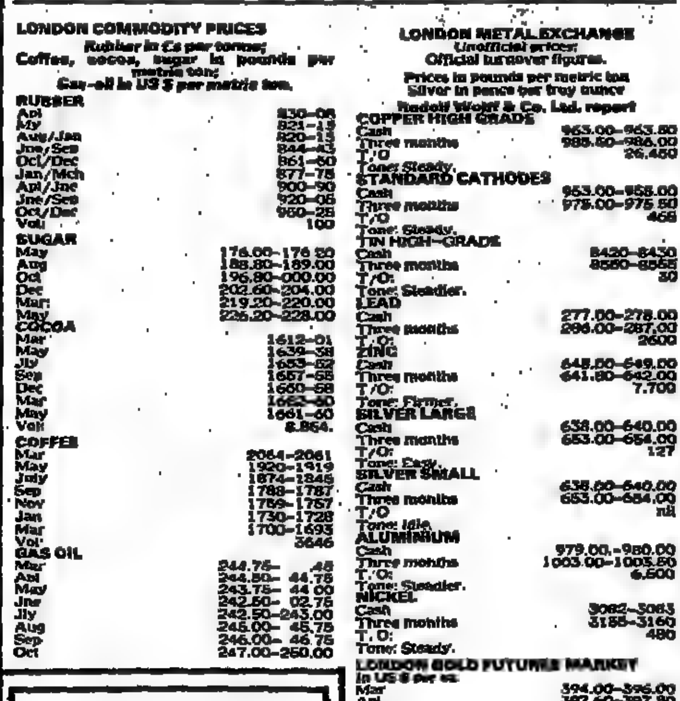
The Bank said at the outset that the major drain on market liquidity would come from maturing assistance and take-up of Treasury bills amounting to £541m. Rising note circulation took another £75m and below-target bankers' balances a further £70m.

The short end firmed up a shade in anticipation of extremely tight credit conditions today, partly because of petroleum revenue tax payments.

The longer end of the CD market saw the bulk of the day's activity, with dealer reporting business in "elevens" and "twelves" at 9⅝ per cent, and some buying of "tens" at the same rate.

Interbank, overnight money traded at 9½-9⅝ per cent for much of the session, though the rate touched extremes of 7 and 10 per cent late in the session before finishing at about 9 per cent bid.

COMMODITIES



LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric ton.

RUBBER	
Apl	830-08
My	821-15
Aug/Jan	820-15
Jne/Sep	844-43
Oct/Dec	861-60
Jan/Mch	877-75
Apl/Jne	900-90
Jne/Sep	920-05
Oct/Dec	950-25
Vol:	100
SUGAR	
May	176.00-176.20
Aug	188.80-189.00
Oct	196.80-000.00
Dec	202.60-204.00
Mar	219.20-220.00
May	225.20-228.00
COCOA	
Mar	1612-01
May	1639-38
Jly	1653-52
Sep	1657-55
Dec	1660-58
Mar	[illegible]
May	1661-60
Vol:	8,864.
COFFEE	
Mar	2064-2061
May	1920-1919
July	1874-1845
Sep	1788-1787
Nov	1759-1757
Jan	1730-1728
Mar	1700-1693
Vol:	3646
GAS OIL	
Mar	244.75-.48
Apl	244.50-44.75
May	243.75-44.00
Jne	242.50-02.75
Jly	242.50-243.00
Aug	245.00-45.75
Sep	246.00-46.75
Oct	247.00-250.00

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton. Silver in pence per troy ounce.
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	963.00-963.50
Three months	985.50-986.00
T/O	26,450
Tone: Steady.	
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	953.00-955.00
Three months	975.00-975.50
T/O	455
Tone: Steady.	
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	8420-8430
Three months	8550-8555
T/O:	30
Tone: Steadier.	
LEAD	
Cash	277.00-278.00
Three months	286.00-287.00
T/O:	2600
ZINC	
Cash	645.00-649.00
Three months	641.50-642.00
T/O:	7,700
Tone: Firmer.	
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	638.00-640.00
Three months	653.00-654.00
T/O:	127
Tone: Easy.	
SILVER SMALL	
Cash	638.00-640.00
Three months	653.00-654.00
T/O	nil
Tone: Idle.	
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	979.00-980.00
Three months	1003.00-1005.50
T/O:	6,500
Tone: Steadier.	
NICKEL	
Cash	3082-3083
Three months	3155-3160
T.O:	480
Tone: Steady.	
LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET In US $ per oz.	
Mar	394.00-396.00
Apl	397.60-397.80
Jne	404.30-404.70
Aug	411.00-411.90
Oct	418.10-419.00
Dec	425.70-426.00
Vol:	388
Tone: Slightly easier.	

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February [illegible].
GB: Cattle, 95.73p per kg lw (+0.64).
GB: Sheep, 202.75p per kg est d c w (+10.12)
GB: Pigs, 83.50p per kg lw (+2.77).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 2.5 per cent, ave. price, 96.18p (+0.56).
Sheep nos. down 5.6 per cent, ave. price, 203.54p (+10.60).
Pig nos. down 7.3 per cent, ave. price, 83.50p (+2.77).

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9%
BCCI	9%
Citibank Savings	†10¼%
Consolidated Crds	9%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9%

† Mortgage Base Rate.
* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 5¾%. £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¼%; £50,000 and over, 7¼%.

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Equipment group goes to Bullough

The Bullough organization is to pay £6.5m in cash for the issued share capital of George Barker and Co (Leeds), makers of refrigerated store display equipment.

The acquisition, from members of founder families, is subject to the approval of Bullough shareholders. The money will come from a seven-year loan from Bullough's bankers.

Amstrad Consumer Electronics: Six months to December 31, 1983. Intm. div. 0.27p (0.22p adj). Figures in £000. Division over 53,245 (28,611). Pretax profit 6,322 (4,586). Tax 3,097 (2,067). Minorities 24 (nil). EPS 3.43p (2.7p in accordance with SAP 3).

● **Raine Industries:** Six months to December 31, 1983. Interim dividend 0.2 (0.17p). Board intends to recommend a total dividend for year of 0.75p (0.64p). Figures in £000. Sales 7,522 (6,272). Pretax profit 303 (241). After interest 143 (165).

● **First Scottish American Trust:** Figures inn £000. Revenue, after all charges, for year to Jan. 31, 1984, 1,624 (1,675). Earnings per share slipped from 5.22p to 5.03p, but total dividend maintained at 5.15p net a share.

● **"Investing in Success" Equities:** Year to Jan. 31, 1984. Figures in £000. Pretax revenue 573 (682). Earnings per share 6.29p (7.8p). Total dividend 5.32p (5.18p) net a share.

● **Jos Holdings:** Half-year to Jan. 31, 1984. Figures in £000. Net earnings ıor ordinary capital 95 (72). Earnings per ordinary share up from 1.17p to 1.54p. Interim payment up from 0.86p to 1p net a share, partly to reduce disparity between payments. Board expects final dividend will not be less than last year.

● **Argyle Trust:** Results for 1983 (comparisons adjusted). Figures in £000. Income 4,637 (3,661). Pretax profit 278 (395). Dividend 0.5p net a share.

● **ICC Oil Services:** At the EGM, the resolutions approving the acquisition of Jenkins and Davies were passed and accordingly the agreements have become unconditional and have been completed. A total of 7.77m ordinary shares have been allotted, of which 6.26m were placed by Capel-Cure Myers. Mr G. H. Davies, the principal shareholder of Jenkins and Davies, has been appointed to the board of ICC.

Economic commentary by Tim Congdon

A challenge to public sector net growth

As this is to be an article about a controversial subject, it is best to begin with uncontroversial statements. The only agents in an economy who can feel happy, enjoy pleasures and appreciate beauty are individuals. The public sector is an analytical fiction and can do none of these.

These truths are disguised by a phrase like "public sector consumption". Of course, the public sector cannot consume anything. It can spend money on health and education, and then confer these services on particular individuals. What counts is how these individuals benefit. The public sector cannot have thoughts or sensations, and in itself does not matter one jot.

Why is it necessary to say all this? The points are obvious enough and can hardly be debated. The answer is that a recent study by Mr John Hills of the Institute of Fiscal Studies makes great paly with a concept called the "public sector's net worth" and claims that changes in it are of more interest than that old favourite, the public sector borrowing requirement.

Indeed, it is no exaggeration to say that Mr Hills wants to debunk the PSBR. He seems to have persuaded several influential exonomists that he is on to something important. The reader might guess (correctly) that most of these economists would like a larger PSBR. In fact, the public sector's net worth is not a very helpful notion and should not be a focus of official concern, let alone government policy. A simple example may help to explain why.

Let us suppose that the land now occupied by Hyde Park is a vast waste which has been derelict for may years. The Government, with universal approval, decides to spend money on trees, grass and ponds, transforming it into a recreation area. The park will give amenity value to Londoners for generations, and so makes them and the nation better off.

The Government's expenditure can be financed in two ways – by taxation or by borrowing. If taxation is chosen, there is nothing more to be said. The increase in the nation's wealth is equal to the discounted present value of the amenity given by Hyde Park in the years to come.

If the Government borrows, the situation may appear to be more complicated but actually it is not. The act of borrowing creates debt, the Government must pay interest on the debt and this interest will have to be covered by taxation. Borrowing merely implies that taxation comes in future years rather than this year. The increase in the nation's wealth is still equal to the discounted present value of the amenity given by Hyde Park.

The creation of numerous pieces of paper, the debt instruments which the borrowing involves, does not change the nation's wealth. How can they? Unlike Hyde Park, gilt-edged securities do not give people happiness, pleasure or beauty. But Mr Hills nevertheless insists that taxation and borrowing have different effects on the public sector's net worth,

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT DEBT IN SIX OECD COUNTRIES, 1973-82

Financial years	Average annual change in central gov'mt debt as % share of GDP	Change in share (as % of GDP) attributable to: Inflation	Interest payments	Net new debt issues	Average real return (%)
US (1973/4-1981/2)	−0.3	−1.5	+1.6	+0.7	−0.1
Japan (1973/4-1981/2)	+3.5	−1.5	+1.2	+4.3	−2.8
Germany (1973-1982)	+1.3	−0.6	+0.7	+1.3	+1.4
France (1973-1981)	+0.3	−0.8	+0.7	+0.6	−1.8
UK (1973/4-1981/2)	−0.5	−5.4	+2.5	+3.2	−6.7
Canada (1973/4-1980/1)	−0.4	−3.1	+2.4	+1.4	−1.7

Component changes do not add up to total since effect of relative price changes and real gdp growth is excluded.
Source: Article on "Public sector deficits" in OECD Occasional Studies, June, 1983.

and that such effects need be measured and watched.

His reasoning is straightforward and superficially persuasive. In the taxation case, the Government acquires a physical asset, worth let us say £2 billion, and incurs no financial liability. So the public sector's net worth has risen by £2 billion. In the borrowing case, by contrast, a matching financial liability of £2 billion is incurred and the public sector's net worth is unchanged.

If Mr Hills wants to invent statistical categories for their own sake, there can be no objection to his procedure. But, if he believes that the differences in the public sector's net worth are relevant to the behaviour of the nation as a whole, he is mistaken.

The illusion that they are relevant arises because, with borrowing, the unchanged public sector's net worth is accompanied by a £2 billion increase in private sector claims on government. This increase, represented by gilt-edged securities or, less grandly, by bits of paper, appears to increase the private sector's asset holdings. It is easy to be fooled into thinking that the increase in private sector assets make the nation richer.

But this makes no sense. The nation must pay taxes to cover interest due on the bits of paper; and the nation which pays these taxes is the same nation which owns the bits of paper. A community cannot run into debt to itself. But neither can it make itself better-off by printing certificates of mutual indebtedness.

It would, of course, be most agreeable if Mr Hills was right. The Government should immediately stop all taxes, conscript the entire working population and instruct it to build factories for printing gilt-edged securities, preferably of very high denomination. Within a short period of time it would be possible to increase the private sector's assets by billions.

This may sound like caricature, but it is certainly an interpretation allowed by several passages in Mr Hills's paper. At one point we are told that private sector wealth is affected by changed in the public sector's net nominal financial liabilities (like the hypothetical £2 billion borrowed for the develoment of Hyde Park) and in the market value of gilt-edged securities. We are also assured that such changes are a meaningful indicator of the Government's fiscal stance.

Imagine the fantasy world we would then be living in. Suppose the Government quadrupled the PSBR from £8 billion to £32 billion. On any normal reckoning this would constitute an injection of demand into the economy so massive that it would have to be described as a major easing of fiscal policy. But, through both its monetary repercussions and its demand effects, the £32 bilion PSBR would cause a serious deterioration in inflation prospects. The gilt-edged market would anticipate this by adjusting the market value of existing holdings downwards, probably by at least £30 billion. According to Mr Hills, fiscal policy would then have been tightened because the £30 billion fall in the market value of gilts exceeds the £24 billion increase in the PSBR. Laymen may marvel at what passes for economics in contemporary Britain.

In his conclusion, Mr Hills briefly recognises that bondholders and taxpayers are members of the same nation and that this may undermine the behavioural significance of the concept of public sector net worth. His riposte is that, although they may belong to the same nation, bondholders and taxpayers are not necessarily the same people. Changes in the public sector net worth may therefore be accompanied by changes in income and wealth.

This is correct. In particular, unanticipated inflation reduces the wealth of holders of gilt-edged securities and increases that of taxpayers. The process is wholly unfair since it amounts, in effect, to the Government refusing to repay the real value of its debts. Some figures prepared by the Organisation of Ecomomic Coopertion and Development show that since 1973 the British Government has been more dishonest on this score than any other major industrial national. Inflation cut the real value of central government debt by an average of 5.4 per cent of gross domestic product per year between 1973/74 and 1981/2.

The Thatcher government's objectives in controlling the PSBR have been to help contain monetary growth, check inflation and so prevent a repeat of this discreditable performance. Although the PSBR has its drawbacks and weaknesses, it remains for more useful to the task at hand than the public sector net worth and its derivatives. The public sector net worth has given economists a new and entertainin parlour game, but its significance for government policy should not be overstated.

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Banks put receiver in at Capper-Neill

Two leading clearing banks have been severely criticized for forcing Capper-Neill, one of the best known names in British plant engineering, into receivership owing £50m.

The company was put into receivership on Tuesday owing about £50m to its bankers and other creditors, after the banks – National Westminster and Midland – refused to agree to a £6m rescue package that was being put forward by its leading shareholder Consolidated Contractors Group, an Arab-backed construction company.

"We are desperately unhappy about this and we feel the banks should have seen their way to agreeing to the resue package. It is not much for a bank to defer its interest payments for a few months but it is a sad thing to see yet another part of British industry vanishing", Mr Derek Perrey, a Capper director, said yesterday.

The banks have denied the suggestion that they have unnecessarily put the company into receivership.

Mr Michael Jordan, of Cork Gully, the firm of accountants which has been appointed receiver, said he had high hopes of saving a substantial proportion of the jobs of the 1,400 people the company employs at its headquarters at Bold, on Merseyside.

NEWS ROUND-UP

London Brick

Control of London Brick, Britain's largest brickmaker, has passed to Hanson Trust for £247m after a nine-week takeover battle. By the time the offer closed, Hanson had 54.5 per cent of the company. It is now unconditional and has been extended.

Save & Prosper

Save & Prosper, the unit trust group, has launched a high interest bank account which offers all the normal current account facilities as well as an automatic unsecured overdraft of at least £3,500. The account, aimed at the best customers of the clearing banks, is one of the most sophisticated high interest accounts yet.

The minimum deposit is £1,000 and the account pays interest at an effective annual rate of 9 per cent. It includes a Premier Visa Card which customers can use to draw cash from more than 5,000 bank branches throughout the country in minimum sums of £100.

There are also facilities for standing orders and a cheque book. The Visa card guarantees cheques up to £75.

Donald Macpherson

Overall profits, announced by Woolworths paint supplier Donald Macpherson, for the year to October were marginally down at £1.3m. But Macpherson made an attributable loss of more than £3.7m against profits of £440,000 after rationalization costs of £3.8m.

TSL Thermal Syndicate

TSL Thermal Syndicate, the Newcastle company, which once enjoyed a reputation a a go-go high technology share on the stockmarket, is asking selected shareholders to stump up more than £1m after turning in a big loss for the second year running.

Shareholders are also being asked to remove Dr Gordon Hetherington, the deputy chairman, from the board after the appointment of Mr Bent Henriksen as managing director. The company says that Dr Hetherington, a former managing director, ceased to be an executive director last April after a unanimous vote by the board. He subsequently issued a writ for damages.

Another director, who resigned last June, received a "golden handshake" of £83,000 according to the annual report which was published yesterday.

TSL is the biggest British producer of vitreous silica, a glass-like material widely used in the aerospace, heating and scientific industries.

The figures released yesterday show a pretax loss of £1.6m against last time's loss of £918,000 and a nominal dividend payment of 0.1p against 1p.

TSL is raising £1.06m by an underwritten one-for-three rights issue of 2.4 million shares at 50p. Two of the four institutions which control more than half TSL's equity are taking up 444,000 shares with the balance underwritten. The two institutions are Kleinwort, Benson Investment Trust and Britannic Assurance.

Miss World

Miss World has topped the profit figures it forecast last year at the time of joining the Unlisted Securities Market.

Mr Eric Morley, executive chairman, said the company would make £300,000. The figure for the year to last December came out at £340,000 on a turnover up from £718,000 to just over £1m. The final dividend is an expected 2p per share making 3p for the year.

The group has increased its sponsorship of the Miss England, Scotland, Wales and Miss UK competitions.

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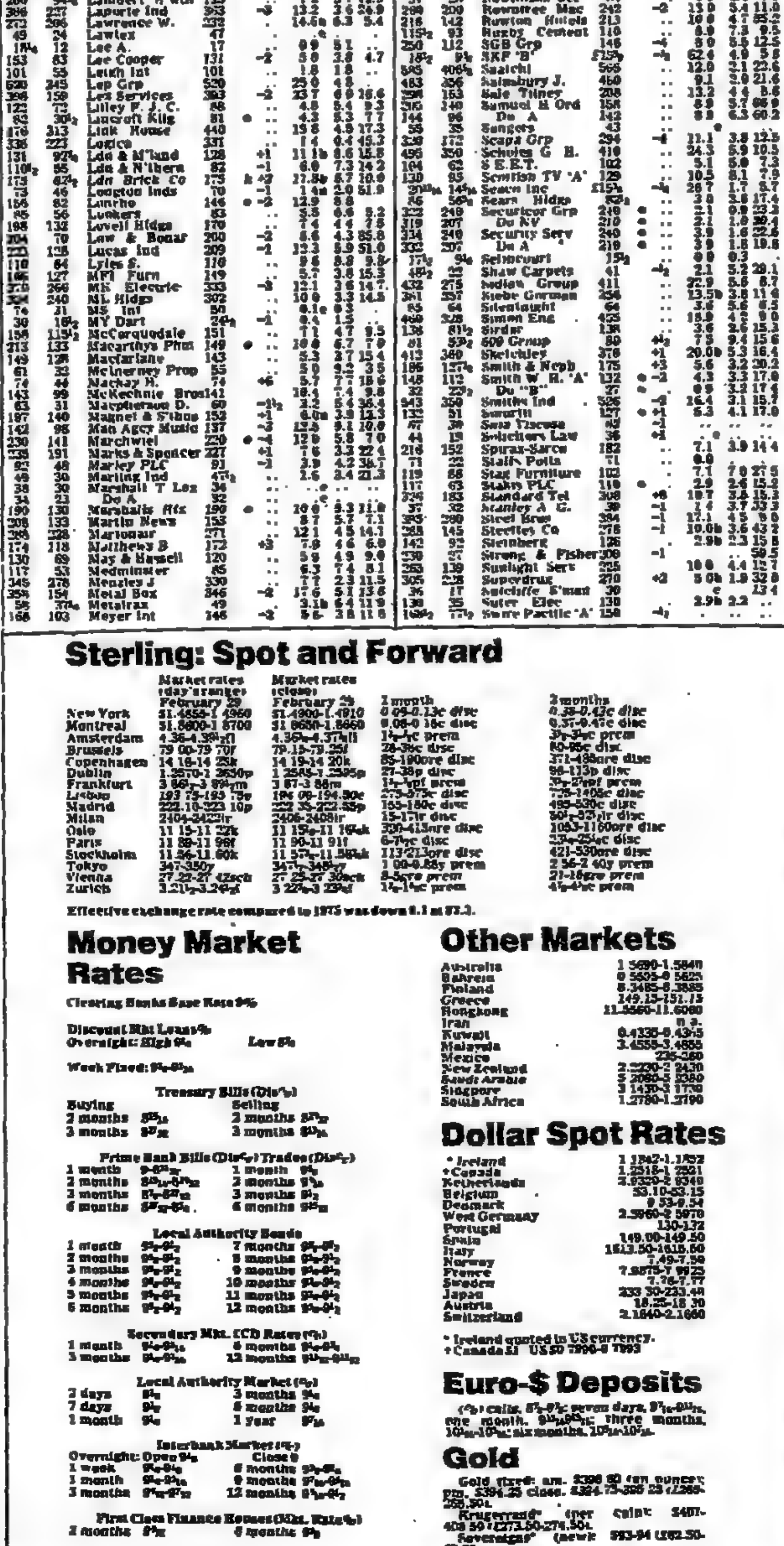
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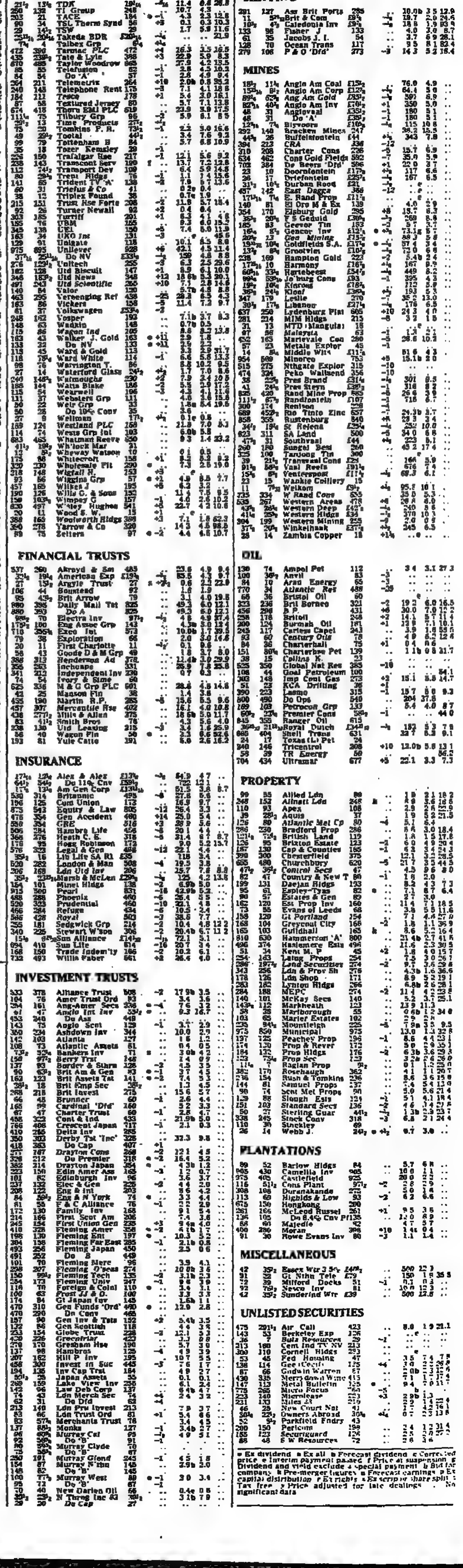
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Insolvency law to be overhauled

Directors risk stiffer penalties

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Reckless directors of companies that become insolvent will face stiffer penalties under government proposals to stop abuses of limited liability.

They may become personally liable for company debts if a liquidator successfully sues them for a new civil offence of wrongful trading. Liquidators will be able to ask the courts to disqualify directors for up to 15 years on a first offence and, when a company is put into compulsory liquidation, they will automatically be disqualified for three years.

The Proposals are contained in a White Paper, preparing the way for a new Insolvency Bill which the Department of Trade and Industry hopes to introduce in the 1984-85 parlimentary session.

The detailed measures will be aimed at encouraging voluntary arrangements for insolvency, freeing official receivers to investigate fraud, saving more companies from unnecessary liquidation and simplifying the procedure for personal bankcruptcy.

The courts will also be able to appoint a new figure called an administrator, who can take over a company's management at an earlier stage than receivers, to save more companies from becoming fully insolvent and being broken up.

Professional Standards for Insolvency Practitioners

The present law which allows persons with no practical experience or relevant professional qualification to act as trustee or liquidator, or as receiver for a debenture-holder, is unsatisfactory.

To give creditors confidence in the persons they appoint to administer insolvent estates and to reduce the amount of supervision required by the Department of Trade and Industry insolvency practitioners will normally have to be practising solicitors or members of accountancy bodies recognized for the purpose by the Secretary of State. They will also be obliged to obtain an insurance bond against all types of dishonesty and negligence. The Review Committee on Insolvency Law and Practice proposed that there should be transitional arrangements to cater for experienced but unqualified practitioners. The Secretary of State will have powers to authorize any person who has regularly acted as an insolvency practitioner over a period of five years before the issue of this White Paper.

Steps will be taken to extend the power of the court to enforce the duties that liquidators, administrators or trustees have to those entitled to participate in the distribution of funds which they administer. It is for consideration as to how far parallel duties should be extended to receivers.

Disqualification and Personal Liability of Company Directors

Directors who allow their companies to arrive at a state of affairs where they are wound up compulsorily by the court have demonstrated that they are not fit to be in control of a company and the proposed legislation will therefore provide (with limited exceptions) for the automatic disqualification for three years from the management of a company of the directors of insolvent companies wound up by the court.

The Government will also amend Section 9 of the Insolvency Act 1976 (under which persons involved in two insolvent liquidations can now be disqualified for up to 15 years) to enable it to operate after one liquidation and to allow a voluntary liquidator to make an application.

Disqualified persons will, however, be able to seek the leave of the court to act in the management of a company, as they can at present.

Disqualified persons who take part in the management of a company without the leave of the court, or those who act on their behalf, will be personally liable for the debts incurred by that company while they were acting.

The Review Committee's concept of wrongful trading will be introduced in a modified form, to enable a civil liability to be imposed upon a director (including a shadow director) who allows a company to continue to trade when he knew, or should have known that there was no prospect of it being able to meet its liabilities. Only a liquidator will be able to pursue a personal liability claim

Procedural Changes in Corporate and Personal Insolvency

Once the court has made an order, matters should proceed much as at present, although the compulsory winding-up and bankruptcy procedures should be modernized, improved and harmonized wherever this is possible. The major changes proposed are as follows:-

(i) **Public examinations:** the public interest will be better served by the revised use of such examinations in compulsory winding-up proceedings in cases where this will assist the Official Receiver's investigation.

(ii) **Bankruptcy orders:** a single bankruptcy order will replace the present sequential receiving and adjudication orders for personal debtors.

(iii) **Small cases:** where a debtor with assets presents his own petition *and his liabilities do not exceed* £15,000, a modified procedure will apply with a view to diverting away from the Official Receiver a number of cases where his investigative skills are not required.

(iv) **Acts of bankruptcy:** the concept of acts of bankruptcy will be abolished and petitions for bankruptcy will be put on much the same basis as those for compulsory winding up.

(v) **Deposits on petitions:** to offset the Official Receiver's costs and expenses in company cases where there is a paucity of assets a petition deposit equivalent to that for creditors' petitions in bankruptcy will be introduced for compulsory winding up.

(vi) **Petition debts:** the minimum debt capable of supporting a creditor's petition for both compulsory winding up and bankruptcy will be increased from £200 to £750.

(vii) **Discharge of debtors:** debtors will be automatically discharged from a first bankruptcy three years after the date of the bankruptcy order, introducing uniformity of treatment for debtors and avoiding the involvement of the Official Receiver and the court in complex discharge procedures. Automatic discharge will not apply in relation to second or subsequent bankruptcies.

(viii) **Interest on claims:** interest rates applicable in insolvencies will be brought up to date and the various winding-up and bankruptcy provisions will be harmonised.

Voluntary Procedures

Corporate debtors: Voluntary winding up is a valuable procedure enabling insolvent companies and their creditors to settle their affairs privately without official incolvement, strict standards for insolvency practitioners, improved disqualified measures and new provisions imposing personal liability on directors will go a long way towards protecting creditors' interests. However, the Government feels that further measures are necesary, in particular to deal with the practice of an insolvent company acting in breach of the present provisions by appointing a liquidator to realise its assets before the creditors have met and had a chance to appoint their own nominee.

This effectively wrests control from the creditors and provides scope for the diposal of assets at below their true value, possibly involving collusion between the liquidator and the company's directors. Provisions have been designed to remedy this abuse and to provide creditors in a voluntary winding upwith batter and more detailed information.

Personal debtors: Personal debtors who wish to make a volutary settlement with their creditors by using a deed of rrnagement are ofen advised not to do so, since a deed, even if the majority of creditors accept the proposals, does not bind the minority and any non-assenting creditor can still petition for bankruptcy. Provisions will, therefore, be introduced to make it easier for debtors to make binding private arrangements with their creditors without unnecessry officail involvement. The new small case procedure is specifically aimed at assisting debtors with assets to avoid bankruptcy by entering into an arrangement.

The Floating Charge and Company Receivership

The gradual development this centurry of the law relating to the appointment of receivers and managers under a floating charge as a result of decisions of the courts has given rise to uncertainty as to the exact nature of the powers and obligations of receivers and managers.

The Insolvency Bill will, therefore, contain provisions which will establish more clearly in the legislation these powers and obligations. In addition, the opportunity will be taken to impose additional obligations on the receiver to grant unsecured creditors of a company in receivership the opportunity to form a committee, and to provide such committees with information.

The committee of unsecured creditors will be empowered to seek redress from the court if dissatisfied with the information provided by a receiver

The Administrator

Receivership is not necessarily the complete remedy where a concern is confronted by serious financial problems but where there is a reasonable prospect of rehabilitation in whole or in part.

The Government agrees with the Review Committee's recommendation that an alternative insolvency mechanism, to be known as the administrator procedure, should be established. This new pocedure will facilitate the rehabilitation or reorganization of a company in dificulties with a view to restoring it to profitability or will encourage the preservation of viable elements of a company as going concerns.

The court will be empowered to appoint an administrator to a company on the application of the company or a creditor of the company, where the company is insolvent or close to insolvency but where there is a reasonable prospect of rehabilitation or re-organization of the company in whole or in part.

No administrator will be appointed, however, where the holder of a floating charge wishes to exercise his right to appoint a receiver and manager.

The task of the administrator will be in two stages. On appointment, he will assume the management of the company and undertake the preparation of a rescue or rehabilitation policy, or failing that, a policy for the most profitable realization of assets in the interest of the company's creditors and shareholders.

The administrator will then be required to submit his proposed policy to the company's unsecured creditors. If, in the light of his proposals, they vote in favour of his continued appointment, the administrator will so report to the court, which will have the power to confirm his appointment subject to hearing views expressed by other interested parties

During the currency of an administrator's appointment no petition, for winding up may be made without the leave of the court. The appointment of the administrator will bring about a stay on all proceedings and actions and on the creditors' rights to enforce security or payment, or to levy execution, except where proceedings to levy distress commence prior to the appointment

The administrator will be under a duty to act at all times in the interest of the creditors and shareholders as a whole.

The introduction of wrongful trading will encourage directors to consider at an earlier stage the financial position and prospects of their companies. The availability of the administrator procedure will ensure that an alternative to receivership or liquidation will be available where there are reasonable grounds for supposing that rehabilitation or reorganization of a company is achievable.

The Role of the Insolvency Service

The Government considers it essential, both in the public interest and that of the creditors that the Official Receiver should continue to become actively involved in compulsory windings up and bankruptcies immediately an order is made by the court and that his present role as regards the protection and preservation of assets should continue.

This function also has the advantage from an investigative point of view of enabling the Official Receiver at a very early stage to obtain an essential insight into how the affairs of the company or debtor have been conducted.

The Official Receiver's investigative role is of paramount importance. The reforms to insolvency procedures will have the effect of freeing the Official Receiver from time-consuming and demanding tasks which have no direct bearing on investigation. The Government wishes to see insolvency-related offences prosecuted wherever possible, thus enhancing commercial morality and acting as a deterrent to those who might otherwise engage in illegal activities.

The Department of Trade and Industry will have the power to appoint liquidators in compulsory windings up where none has otherwise been appointed, as it does for trustees in bankruptcy.

● *A Revised Framework for Insolvency Law (HMSO Command 9175, £4.65)*

Commercial property

A retail bonanza

In the last few years, investment in retail developments has proved highly attractive to funds and institutions, with new shopping schemes the glittering prize.

The latest statistics from Hillier Parker May and Rowden show that in 1983, 22 new shopping schemes opened, containing just over 3m sq ft. This is marginally up on the previous year – 3,011,000 sq ft compared with 2,875,000 sq ft in 1982 – but still the second lowest annual total since 1968, with 1975 and 1976 representing the peak years. From 1966, steady growth led to a total of 7,173,000 sq ft in 1975 and 7,777,000 sq ft in 1976.

The findings are published in the 1983 supplement to *British Shopping Developments 1965-82*, published last year. It is the first annual updating of the information to follow that report, which lists all comprehensive retail development of at least 50,000 sq ft gross lettable area in Britain.

The total amount of floor space opened over the last 18 years is 77,867,000 square feet. In 1983 the average size of schemes opened was 137,000 square feet and the largest scheme, totalling 406,000 square feet was the Broadway Centre at Bexleyheath.

Next in size were the Grafton Centre, Cambridge, developed by Grosvenor, and totalling 290,000 square feet, the Ealing Broadway Centre (J Laing, 281,000 square feet) and The Ridings in the centre of Wakefield (Capital and Counties, 250,000 square feet).

In 1983, Asda opened four developments, and in the last two years has opened seven schemes, more than any other development. In terms of floor space, Asda is second to Norwich Union.

Clearly the success of a retail development depends on giving the customers what they want. The Fitch and Company Shopping Centre Consortium have just published a report emphasizing the need for an imaginative approach to customers' needs, which they call "creative market planning", rather than traditional retail research.

Contracts have been exchanged for the sale of the freehold interest in probably the largest vacant warehouse building ever to be sold in London – some 240,000 square feet of modern warehousing standing on a site of about 12 acres owned by the H J Heinz Company at its north-west London complex. It is understood that Bestway Cash and Carry (Holdings) Ltd paid close to £4m for the building, which will be used as a wholesale cash and carry operation, Savills, acting for Heinz, announced.

Christopher Warman

CRICKET

England must not allow the men in white coats to make their lives a misery

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Karachi

After a long and anxious flight from New Zealand – from door to door it lasted for the best part of 40 hours – the England cricketers spent yesterday adjusting to their new environment. In gorgeous weather they had a good morning practice before returning to the extravagent comforts of their luxury hotel. One of them, here for the first time and brought up on horror stories of tours to Pakistan, was wondering, as he plunged into a sparkling pool, whether perhaps they had come to the wrong place.

So far, then, so good. Pakistan cricket is also in a state of unmitigated confusion. Their selection committee changes almost weekly. Air Marshall Nur Khan, for so long the most powerful figure in the game here, has surrendered his position. Intinkab Alam, the manager of their Test team for the last two years, has resigned. Lahore and Karachi, from where the country's best cricketers are drawn, find it as hard as ever to see the merits one of another.

Imran Khan, a year ago the world's finest cricketer and idol of the nation, has opted out of the forthcoming series, owing to injury; Javed Miandad, a genius with the bat, is recovering only slowly from a horrible blow behind the ear, received when he ducked into a ball from his old adversary, Dennis Lillee, in a recent benefit match in Calcutta. He is not certain even to be fit for the second Test match; Wasim Bari, Pakistan's wicketkeeper in 81 Tests, has hung up his gloves. In the Pakistan party for tomorrow's first Test match are several names little known to most of us. Anil Dalpat, who takes Wasim Bari's place, becomes the first Hindu to play for Pakistan.

Not that all this adds up to an easy prospect for England. Anything but. Assuming the three Test matches and the two one-day internationals survive the threatened disruption from disenchanted students, the impending confrontation with Abdul Qadir and his wrist spin looms large. Although Imran has been his constant inspiration, Qadir is sure, even without him, to be formidable proposition.

His googly being well disguised, and being himself a compulsive appealer, Qadir could make this, more than most, a series fraught with umpiring problems. The surest way for England to lose it could be for them to jump to the conclusion, from early on, that the men in white coats are out to make the month of March a misery for them. Willis knows this and at tonight's team dinner he will say so

To keep the students at bay, should they decide to try and break things up, a steel fence some 12ft high and topped with barbed wire has been erected round most of the ground. Whether, in the event of it being needed, it would prove an adequate barricade is another matter. Rioters here are not so much brave as wild, and although every effort will be made to keep those with mischief aforethought from gaining admission to the ground, they could probably, in sufficient numbers, invade it.

A year ago, when Pakistan were playing India here in Karachi, students hijacked a fleet of buses in the city and ordered them to be driven to the National Stadium, picking up supporters on the way. There and then the fourth day's play was abandoned. Rioters in Pakistan have a long list of such successes, cricket being the acutely vulnerable game it is, and at the moment they do have a common grievance, the banning of their unions.

The groundsman who is making the pitch for tomorrow's match is well known to touring England circketers. The little fellow has the reputation for being able to prepare something in the middle of a desert which will hold together long enough to guarantee a draw. He did it once at Hyderabad, when England were playing there. This time, with Pakistan possessing the better spinners, the ball is expected to turn, at least for those who really tweak it. However reluctantly, the England selectors may feel obliged, just this once, not to stuff their side with medium pace.

● Pakistan yesterday announced 14 players from they will select the Test side (Reuter reports).

SQUAD: Mudassar Nazar, Mohsin Khan, Qasim Omer, Zaheer Abbas, Salim Malik, Wasim Raja, Anil Dalpat, Tausif Ahmad, Sarfraz Nawaz, Azeem Hafeez, Abdul Qadir, Iqbal Qasim, Shoaib Mohammad, Rameez Raja.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Northern relent after tour warning

By Keith Macklin

Bradford Northern have agreed to release players for Great Britain training sessions, following a warning that their players might not be considered for Australian tour places.

The Odsal club had notified the Great Britain manager, Dick Gemmell, that the five Northern players in the squad would not be available this week or next, for special training.

The reasons given were that Bradford have a league game with Wigan tonight, and next week are engaged in the quarter-finals of the challenge cup. The coach, Peter Fox, did not want his own club training sessions disturbed by the Great Britain sessions, under Frank Myler.

The Great Britain management team retaliated by stating that absence from training sessions would put tour places in jeopardy, and Northern have now decided to release their players next Tuesday.

● The brilliant young Australian stand-off half, Mark Cannon, made an unexpect d decision on Tuesday not to return home to pursue his university studies. Cannon, who scored two fine tries in Wigan's Challenge Cup second round tie with Oldham on Sunday will instead stay in England to help Wigan towards the final at Wembley.

He was due to fly back to Sydney but changed his mind after a long-distance telephone call to his father who agreed he should take a year off studies.

Alex Murphy, the Wigan manager, was prepared to have Cannon flown back from Australia

The tie of the round is Widnes v Hull Kingston Rovers, the two sides most favoured to win the Cup.

DRAW: Widnes v Hull Kingston Rovers, York v Castleford, St Helens v Wigan, Leeds v Bradford Northern. (Matches to be played on March 10 and 11.)

FOOTBALL



Hateley in the hunt: the Portsmouth forward on his way to the third of his four goals

English pride on a different level

By Clive White

It was difficult to imagine the senior England side winning as comfortably against name opposition as their younger colleagues did against the French on Tuesday evening at Hillsborough. When a player pulls on an Under-21 shirt, he often seems to play with the enthusiasm and skill for which he was selected. For some reason, this is not always the case at full level.

Take Mark Hateley, for example. It seems doubtful that he would ever be as prolific for the seniors as he was on Tuesday evening. With Stein and walsh whisked away for senior duty in Paris last night, the Portsmouth centre forward stepped in and did enough scoring for he pair of them, as he hit foru in England's 6-1 win in the first leg of their European Under-21 quarter-final.

The French, collectively, were a disappointment, capitulating in the face of superior English football and inferior Norwegian refereeing. But they were fragile and disorganized long before Mr Thime upset them with some queer decisions. Hateley's first two goals were the result of downright carelessness in defence as first Poullain was easily hustled off the ball, and then Adonkor, his Nantes colleague, saw his pitiful pass back intercepted by the alert Hateley.

England, as is often the case at this level and younger levels, looked more mature, more knowing. But more encouragingly, if only the seniors would take heed, they were punishingly direct: Sterland, playing on home territory, set the tone, storming towards the French on long, powerful runs from his right back position.

No one looked more mature or competent than Bracewell. Hodge, too, worked with the sort of endeavour one expects from someone playing under Brian Clough. In England's back line, Caton played at left back and had to withdraw at half-time.

Watson, of Norwich City, played in the middle with Stevens, and showed everything of which we know he is capable: frightening courage and aerial manace. He was ecstatic about his goal, which he scored with a gentle nod-on.

Moran had a quiet first half before injuring a hamstring. He was replaced by the exciting Chamberlain.

Hateley's dive in the area and penalty goal only further upset them. Hateley's fourth goal was much more deserving, a header of which Dad would have been proud. The other goal fell to the deserving Sterland. The French, who surprisingly scored first through the impressive Anziani, a full international, will have few good memories of this night.

ENGLAND: G Bailey (Manchester United), M Sterland (Sheffield Wednesday), T Caton (Arsenal) (sub: N Pickering (Sunderland)), P Bracewell (Sunderland), D Watson (Norwich City), G Stevens (Tottenham Hotspur), N Callaghan (Watford), S Moran (Southampton) (sub: M Chamberlain (Stoke City)), M Hateley (Portsmouth), S Hodge (Nottingham Forest), D Wallace (Southampton).

FRANCE: P Olmeta (Bastia), L Perard (Laval), B Boli (Auxerre), Paan (Lille), P Lestage (Tours), S Adonkor (Nantes), T Oleksiak (Saint-Etienne), J-M Ferrari (Auxerre), P Anziani (Sochaux), D Philippe (Nancy-Lorraine).

Early goals extend City's run

Tony Rees and Kevan Broadhurst scored first-half goals on Tuesday night, as **Birmingham City** extended their unbeaten run to 11 games – their best sequence under the managers, Ron Saunders – defeating **West Bromwich Albion** 2-1, at St Andrews.

Shrewsbury Town won their first match for two months when the transfer-listed forward, Alan Brown, volleyed the only goal against **Middlesbrough** – Shrewsbury's first in 438 minutes of play.

Jimmy Case, captain of **Brighton and Hove Albion** for the first time, laid on two goals from corners as his side beat **Cambridge United** 3-0 in front of the smallest crowd at the Goldstone ground for 10 years – 8,167. Connor, Gatting and Wilson scored.

The **Oxford United** forward Mick Vinter justified his recall after a two-match absence by sending his team back to the top of the third division, with a second-minute goal at **Hull City**. Hull missed a penalty three minutes from the end.

Sheffield United strengthened their third division promotion challenge with a 2-0 home win over the FA Cup quarter-finalists, **Plymouth Argyle**, Charles and Morris scoring.

York City wasted the chance of increasing their lead at the top of the fourth division when Derek Hood missed a penalty at **Wrexham**. The match ended goalless.

There were eight goals at **Darlington**, where the home team beat **Northampton Town** 5-3. Alan Walsh scored two, including his hundredth for Darlington.

The Welsh foresee end of Scotland

By Hugh Taylor

A warning that Britain might have only one team in the World Cup in the not too distant future was given by Mike England, the Welsh manager, after the 2-1 defeat by Scotland at Hampden Park on Tuesday in the last of the home internationals between the two countries.

Hitting out at the Scottish Football Association who, he alleged, had let Wales and Northern Ireland down badly in ending the four-nation championship, he added: "The complete turnabout by Scotland, who had told us they would never support England in disbanding the home competition, may have sad repercussions for them. I have found on the Continent recently that many nations, particularly the South Americans, are not happy about Britain having four teams in the World Cup.

"It could come about that one day soon we will be forced to field one side and I am sure the Scots won't be happy because it is a certainty that Englishmen will be in the majority, with Scotland having only Souness and ourselves Rush in the team".

Declaring that the home championship still had a vital role to play, he went on: "Scotland did a complete turnaround and it is their fault and not England's that the championship is finished". The Welsh manager was in no mood to be conciliatory. Asked what he thought about the Scotland team, who had broken a dismal pattern by scoring their first international win since September, he snapped: "Until they got their penalty they did not look a team at all. Why, they did not even have a shot at goal until Cooper scored from the spot".

He also criticized his own side and, of the World Cup chances of Scotland and Wales, who are in the same qualifying section, he sighed: "Both of us have a lot of work to do before we can say we are ready to take part in the World Cup".

Indeed they do. Notwithstanding Mike England's spirited defence of an ancient tournament, the small, disgruntled crowd of 21,000 who turned up at Hampden despite the transport strike would hardly agree with him that it was a requisite part of international football. It was Jock Stein, the Scotland manager who had the spectators nodding agreement when, in one of the apt phrases for which he is noted, he disagreed wryly with his Welsh counterpart.

His view of a disappointing, disorderly match, was: "It was a humdrum fixture played at the wrong time of the season and doing no one any good. It is time the whole championship disappeared. And it is in the interests of all the countries, Wales included, to play against foreign opposition rather than each other."

It was a pity the contest on the field was not as lively as the exchanges between the managers.

SCOTLAND: J Leighton (Aberdeen); R Gough (Dundee Utd), A Albiston (Manchester U), G Souness (Liverpool, captain), A McLeish (Aberdeen), W Miller (Aberdeen), P Sturrock (Dundee Utd), P McStay (Celtic), F McGarvey (Celtic), J Bett (Lokeren), D Cooper (Rangers). Subs: W Thompson (St Mirren), S Nicol (Liverpool), R Aitken (Celtic), M Johnston (Watford), C Walsh (Nottingham Forest).

WALES: N Southall (Everton), J Hopkins (Fulham), J Jones (Chelsea), K Jackett (Watford), J Charles (QPR), K Ratcliffe (Everton, captain), R James (Stoke), B Flynn (Burnley), I Rush (Liverpool), M Thomas (Chelsea), A Curtis (Southampton). Subs: A Dibble (Cardiff), P Price (Spurs), N Vaughan (Cardiff), P Nicholas (Crystal Palace), G Davies (Fulham).

Referee: J Poucher (Northern Ireland).

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

British Championship

SCOTLAND (1) 2 WALES (0) 1
Cooper, pen — James
Johnston — 21,542

UEFA Under 21 competition
Quarter-final, first leg

ENGLAND (2) 6 FRANCE (1) 1
Hateley 4, 1 pen — Anziani
Watson, Sterland — 8,409

First division

BIRMINGHAM (2) 2 WEST BROM (0) 1
Rees — Mackenzie
Broadhurst — 16,780

Second division

BRIGHTON (2) 3 CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
Connor, Gatting
Wilson — 8,167
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 MIDDLESBRGH (0) 0
Brown — 3,043

Third division

HULL (0) 0 OXFORD U (1) 1
(11,790) — Vinter
SHEFFIELD U (1) 2 PLYMOUTH (0) 0
Charles, Morris — (9,541)

Fourth division

DARLINGTON (2) 5 NORTHAMPTON (1) 3
Walsh 2, Hannah 2, — Hayes 2, Martinez
Smith — (1,328)
WREXHAM (0) 0 YORK (0) 0
(1,195)

Associate Members Cup
First round

MILLWALL (2) 4 GILLINGHAM (2) 3
Neal, Martin, — Cascarino 2,
Sheringham, — Sparrow
Sutton og — (2,264)
(aet, 3-3 at 90 min, Millwall at home to Bournemouth)

NEWPORT (0) 0 BRISTOL R (0) 1
(2,116) — Bannon
(Bristol R at home to Port Vale)

Scottish second division

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chelsea 2, Bristol Rovers 0; Fulham 3, Swindon 1; Queens Park Rangers 1, Brighton 2; Southampton 1, Luton 1; Swansea 1, Arsenal 2; Tottenham 2, Birmingham 0

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Derby 1, Manchester United 2; Liverpool 2, Sheffield Wednesday 2. Second division: Bradford City 2, Huddersfield 4; Coventry 1, Grimsby 0; Rotherham 1, Oldham 2; Wigan 2, Middlesbrough 2.

FA TROPHY: Third round replay: Bangor 2, Gateshead 0

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Wealdstone 0, Bath 3. Bob Lord Trophy: Third round, first leg: Runcorn 3, Telford 0.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Bromley 0, Tooting and Mitcham 2; Harrow 2, Barking 2; Walthamstow Avenue 2, Hitchin 2. First division: Farnborough 1, Boreham Wood 1, Hampton 1, Lewes; Wembley 4, Aveley 0; Windsor and Eton 2, Chesham 0. Postponed: Clapton v Metropolitan Police. Second Division: Finchley 0, Leyton Wingate 4.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Banstead 3, Fleet 0; Berkhamsted 0, Chalfont St Peter 3, Burnham 1, Kingsbury 1; Harefield 0, Flackwell Heath 1; Haringey 2, Wolverton 1, Whyteleafe 1, Chertsey 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton 2, Rhyl 1. League Cup: Second round: Postponed: South Liverpool v Mosley. Second round replay: Matlock 1, Macclesfield 2.

Southern League: Premier division: Stourbridge 0, Witney 0; Welling 4, Leamington 3.

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Clapton 1, Harlow 0.

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FOOTBALL: RESCUE TEAM WAITING IN THE WINGS



Death-and-glory days: Bartram, who saved Charlton on timeless occasions, rises to the occasion. It may be too late for Hulyer (top) and Gliksten to do the same for the stadium that is a ghost of its past.



Cup final day 1946: King George VI chatting to Crocker who was injured and could not play.

Time is running out for Charlton

By Peter Ball

The Official Receiver yesterday took possession of Charlton Athletic following the winding-up order made against the club in the High Court on Tuesday. The move followed the decision of the Appeal Court judge, who refused to suspend the order pending a full appeal hearing on Friday.

Charlton's future was thus left hanging in the balance last night. The chairman, Mark Hulyer's decision to appeal against the winding up order, if unsuccessful, could jeopardise the club's prospects of being saved. They have been informed by the Football League that a failure to fulfil their fixture at Blackburn on Saturday would make them liable to expulsion from the League, and with the appeal not due to be heard until tomorrow there would be little time for a rescue operation to be mounted.

But although the ground has been closed and the staff given notice, with the players being informed that the winding up order automatically ends their contracts, which revert to the League, the players may elect to fulfil the fixture without pay in order to provide a further week's grace. The players had a day off yesterday, but will be reporting to the training ground as normal this morning, and the goalkeeper, Nicky Johns, said 'I am sure we would play at the weekend without pay to give the club breathing space when our livelihoods are involved'.

The Football League have also not given up hope. The League secretary, Graham Kelly, has instructed Blackburn to go ahead with preparations for Saturday's match. 'As far as we are concerned, the game is still on' said the Rovers' secretary, John Howarth.

If Charlton do fold, becoming the fourth Football League club to cease operations in mid-season, it would have some effect on the second division promotion and relegation issues. The club's results this season would be expunged. Sheffield Wednesday and Chelsea losing four points and Grimsby and Newcastle three apiece in consequence. The chief beneficiaries would be Manchester City, currently fifth, who lost their one game against Charlton, but would move into third place.

Their demise would also have an incalculable effect on the rest of the League. Although Charlton's debts to other League clubs are small, so that a direct domino effect is unlikely, the loss of confidence could result in other club creditors seeking winding-up orders. Derby, whose financial plight is worse than the London club's, face a further court hearing on March 12, and Swansea, in particular, will be glancing nervously at Charlton's fate.

The attempt to save the club took separate forms yesterday. While Hulyer, whose tenth visit to the High court to face a winding up order had finally proved fatal, was hoping to persuade the Inland Revenue, who are owed £160,000 of Charlton's total debt of £1,193,000, to accept a three stage payment, a consortium involving the proerty company Sunley, were waiting in the wings.

The consortium are believed to be poised to make a £1.5M bid for the club, and yesterday the club's former chairman, Michael Glíksten, who still owns the ground and the training ground at Eltham, and is the club's major creditor, claiming he is owed £600,000, was returning from Australia in support of the Sunley group's bid.

Other members of the consortium also have previous involvement with the club. Richard Collins was himself chairman for five weeks in November, and the do-it-yourself company FADS had been the club's sponsors withdrawing in 1982

Prospective buyers may find the League's requirements more stringent than the Receiver's. The League and member clubs will have to receive 70 per cent of what they are owed, unsecured creditors 60 per cent.

TENNIS

Madison Garden seeds fail to blossom

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, New York

Joanna Durie, Andrea Temesvari and Andrea Jaeger all failed to justify their seedings in the Virginia Slims Championships at Madison Square Garden yesterday. Miss Durie was beaten 7-6, 7-6 by Helena Sukova; Miss Temesvari had to retire when Barbara Potter was leading her 6-3, 6-7, 2-1; and Miss Jaeger was beaten 6-2, 7-6 by Kathleen Horvath, who dismissed Martina Navratilova from last year's French Championships.

Miss Temesvari has been growing too fast for her own good, and this was the third time the stress of competition had proved to be more than her back could stand. Miss Potter, disappointed by the curtailment, later made some refreshing comments: "The great thing about the game is to spend yourself physically, phychologically and emotionally. Some days at the office are easier than others. Above and beyond anything, I try to enjoy muself."

Miss Durie and Miss Sukova, four years her junior, have broken even after four matches. This time Miss Durie made the better start, led 5-1, but scored only nine points in the next five games. The engine began to pink. She became tense and tentative; her best form returned only in flashes. Miss Sukova, on the other hand, loosened up, began to hit freely, and demonstrated that in her tennis – as in her appearance – she now has the poise and maturity of a woman, as distinct from the girl of a year ago.

The first tie-break stretched to 24 points. Miss Sukova won on her ninth set point after surviving two against her. She led 4-1 in the second set, whereupon Miss Durie, angered by her frustrations, swiped the heads off some court-side flowers. After the match, one of Miss Durie's buttocks was swiftly encased in a huge ice pack. "I've pulled a muscle in my bum," she explained, grinning. "It hurt quite a bit, but I don't think it affected the result."

Miss Navratilova had no cause for anxiety, in spite of scattered rallies in which Virginia Ruzici ran like a deer, hissed like a steam train and played like a dream. Miss Navratilova is likely to be £202,381 richer by Sunday evening. She is assured of the £102,041 to be awarded at the end of the tournament to the most successful player in the 12-month world championship series that ends with this week's showpiece climax for the elite. In addition, the seedings mean she will win £85,034 from the singles (a sum without precedent for the winner of a women's tournament) and £15,396 from the doubles in which she partners Pamela Shriver.

The singles final will be contested over the best of five sets, this means that women's tennis is going back 82 years – because of Miss Navratilova, television commercials, a desire to give the public better value for money, and an attempt to provide a distinctive climax to the World Championship series.

Miss Navratilova has been beaten only twice in 15 months and many other finals have been slightly embarrassing in their brevity. The revived five-set format will guarantee the public more tennis and the television sponsors more time in which to promote their products. Women played five-set finals in the United States Championships from 1891 to 1902, when shorter matches were imposed on them against their will by an all-male committee of the United States Tennis Association.

The winner of the women's singles here will receive more money than the entire allocation to the doubles – notable for a first round match featuring four players eligible for a new and nationally sponsored series that will offer the over-30s an alternative to the World Championship circuit. One of the five scheduled tournaments for the over-30s will be played, if you please, at Anchorage in Alaska.

Attitude called into question

By Lewine Mair

Coming as they did on top of Britain's Davis Cup defeat, he performances of Stuart Bale and then Jeremy Bates in the LTA masters tournament, at Bramhall yesterday, did little to lift the spirits.

Bale, the number four seed, who should soon be nominated forthe Olympic Games and who, like Bates, the number one seed, has been singled out by Paul Hutchins as a player on whom our Davis Cup hopes are likely to rest in the near future, was fined £30 for his on-court behaviour, as he went out in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, to Wayne Hampson, of Australia.

Always jumpy, this most promising of shot-makers threw his racket into the net, when serving at 1-3 in the first set. Then, as he fell to 3-4 in the second set, he threw it again, earning himself a penalty point.

Bates used his head well, to defeat Brian Levine, of South Africa, 6-4, 6-4. However, there was once again the feeling that, where his play belongs to a higher level than this satellite circuit, his attitude is often well below standard. Yesterday he was calling the umpire "useless" as early as the fourth game, and there were several other comments which served only to antagonize.

All of which is a great pity, for, in the aftermath of his match, the Surrey player spoke sensibly of his ambitions and achievements. He said he had learned a lot from sitiing on the sidelines at the Davis Cup: "It has helped me to understand the pressures involved, and to see how different they are from those of tournament play."

Should he win, he could collect more that £2,000 for this five-week stint. Still more pertinent, he could climb from 253 on the world computer, to inside the top 200.

FIRST ROUND: J Bates (GB) bt B Levine (SA), 6-4, 6-4; S Perkiss (Isr) bt P Hjertquist (Swe), 2-6, 7-6, 6-1; W Hampson (Aus) bt S Bale (GB), 6-4, 6-4; G Haynes (US) bt M Brunnberg (Swe), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; G Jarck (US) bt O Rahnasto (Fin), 7-6, 6-3; G Layendecker (US) bt R Green (US), 6-3, 6-3; R Bathman (Swe) bt R Lewis (GB), 6-4, 6-2; P Lundgren (Swe) bt E van Hof (US), 7-6, 3-6, 6-1.

Attendances heighten club's plight

Jack Dunnett, the chairman of Notts County, said on Tuesday that it was a miracle that the club could continue to pay out wages. County began the season more than £1m in the red. Their first division games this season have attracted an average crowd of 8,856, compared with 10,278 for the whole of last season.

Mr Dunnett said he, Ralph Sweet and John Mounteney, the other directors, are forking out "a considerable sum to subsidize the club. We didn't mind originally because we believed crowds would increase when we got into the first division. But it didn't happen then, nor when we were doing well at the beginning of the season. We still have no money for new players. The position is awful, but we shall fight on to the end."

● Derby County yesterday loaned the defender, Richard Pratley, aged 21, to Scunthorpe United "to further his education in League soccer." Pratley will stay with Scunthorpe for a month, and the Derby manager, Peter Taylor, said yesterday: "I expect him to come back a better player for the experience of third division soccer."

● Derby have taken Tommy Langley, the former England under-21 forward, on trial for an indefinite period. Langley, formerly of Chelsea, Queen's Park Rangers, and Crystal Palace, recently returned from the Greek club, AEK Athens, as a free agent.

Arsenal have turned down an approach from Manchester City for the forward, Raphael Meade.

Yesterday's results

IRISH CUP: Second round, second replay: Distillery 0, Glenavon 4.
MIDWEEK LEAGUE: Northampton 0, Southend 2; Portsmouth 2, Cambridge 0.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Air Force 2, UK Prison Service 0 (at Uxbridge).
YUGOSLAV LEAGUE: Celik Zenica 4, Velez Mostar 1; Vojvodina Novi Sad 0, Hajduk Split 0; Olimpija 2, Sloboda 1; Sarajevo 3, Radnicki Nis 0, Partizan Belgrade 1, Pristina 0; Vardar Skopje 5, Dynamo Vinkovci 1; Osijek 1, Red Star Belgrade 1; Dynamo Zagreb 2, Zeljeznicar 2, Rijeka 1, Buducnost 0.

Monday

FA TROPHY: Third round replay: Dagenham 1, Nuneaton 0; Northwich Victoria 0, Dulwich Hamlet 0 (aet).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bass Cup, second round, second replay: Hyde 1, Grantham 0.
IRISH CUP: Second round, second replay: Glentoran 3, Bangor 1, Distillery v Glenavon postponed.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Kidderminster 1, Trowbridge 1; Nuneaton v Maidstone postponed.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Reading 1, Oxford United 3.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Wolverhampton 1, Chesterfield 0.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford 2, Gloucester 1; Southern division: Waterlooville 0, Hillingdon 2.

The Yugoslav head that can roll under a Mexican volcano

Mexico City (AP) – Mexicans are passionate followers of football, but a problem that engages the minds of many of them now is what to do about the national team, who keeps going down like the peso.

There was disappointment and anger when Mexico failed to qualify for the World Cup in Spain in 1982, losing to Honduras in the regional tournament.

Then Mexico committed themselves – some newspapers said foolishly – to host the 1986 World Cup tournament after Colombia bowed out for economic reasons. It is the second World Cup Mexico will host in 16 years. All the country needs now is a team.

The Mexican Football Federation (FMF) called upon Bora Milutinovic, a Yugoslav, and University club trainer, to pick a team in preparation for the 1986 cup. They did well against some minor professional sides and then went to Italy to meet the 1982 world champions.

Before the match the team visited Pope John Paul II, who gave each of the players a rosary. Some critics here said the rosary beads were to keep track of the goals Italy would score. The final score was 5-0 to Italy and the demand for Milutinovic's head became a roar.

There were all sorts of attempts to explain away the defeat. some argued that the team were using too many players from one Mexico City team. At least one doctor – Dr Ricardo Madkazo, of the organizing committee of the national team – was quoted as saying that Mexican players as a rule suffered from malnutrition.

Mr Milutinovic had to face the 20 presidents of the Mexican professional teams to explain the Italian debacle and simply pointed out that "Italy is the best team in the world". He went to say that he had no intention of making any changes in his plan, "We are preparing for 1986, not 1984," he said.

Most of the players rallied behind their trainer, who has been one of the best in Mexico in recent years. Rafael del Castillo, president of the FMF, said that Milutinovic would remain as coach of the national team.

The three professional teams in Guadalajara, upset because the national team does not include many of their players, challenged the national team to a match next week. It was accepted. Observers here feel that the outcome will decide whether Milutinovic stays on or not.

Mexico City (AP) – The International Football Federation (FIFA), organizers of the 1986 World Cup to be held here, said on Tuesday that the number of accredited journalists would be limited to 4,900. In an official announcement the press office said that the number of accreditations had got out of hand in recent World Cup competitions, reaching 7,290 in Spain in 1982.

The limit set by the Federation assigns 2,200 to the newspaper and magazine press and 300 to photographers. The rest will go to radio and television including technical personnel.

A fee will also be charged for each journalist, the Federation said, but that most of the amount will be returned after the competition.

Two memorials of the broken 'little bird'

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) When Garrincha died his single behest to his 13 children was a left boot. Now the Brazilian football association want a more substantial memorial for one of the country's greatest players. They plan to place a bust of the winger in one of the main entrances to Rio de Janeiro's giant, crumbling Maracana stadium.

Garrincha (the name means "little bird"), right winger for the great Brazil team of the 1950s and 1960s, died a lonely, impoverished alcoholic last year.

Born Manoel dos Santos on October 28, 1933, he stands alongside Pelé as one of the greatest players of all time. Master of the dazzling dribble, he took Brazil to two World Cup victories in 1958 and 1962 and helped create the image of joyful inspiration which the world still has of Brazilian football.

He took to drink and died at the age of 49 of alcoholic poisoning.

Schools football

Now Worcester take to a different ball game

By George Chesterton

Worcester Royal GS 1
Wolverhampton GS 1

Worcester RGS is meant to be a rugby school. They play football only in the Lent term. But, after yesterday's draw with Wolverhampton, they are unbeaten in 13 games this year.

Wolverhampton are also unbeaten in the five matches this term. They are a younger side than usual, having lost several players at Christmas. Nonetheless, in James Husselbee and A Baker they have two talented players.

Worcester pressed hard in attack from the kick-off and MacMillan headed over the bar in the first minute. They were sharper onto the ball at this stage and made good chances. After a quarter of an hour Wolverhampton gave away a penalty and Williams's left foot put Worcester ahead.

Worcester looked less efficient in defence, although Roberry was effective with his head not to mention his long throws into the Wolverhampton goalmouth. A Worcester defensive error from a rebound was seized on by Baker and hammered home to make the score 1-1. Wolverhampton were stirred into some dangerous attacks.

They started the second half on attack and Jobber made two good reflex saves to keep the Wolverhampton goal intact.

WORCESTER RGS: J Cope; E Newman, J Williams, S Phillips, A Roberry, A King, M Collins, G Aldhurch, G Warrington, J MacMillan, P Stifler.
WOLVERHAMPTON GS: H Jobber; J Peet, J Husselbee, S Wright, S Green, J Evans, A Baker, R Skeets, S Humphreys, I Bridgen W Billington, C Vickers.
Referee: K Mooney.

RUGBY UNION

Park forced to think by cancellation

By David Hands

Rosslyn Park's executive committee were meeting yesterday evening to formulate their response to the decision by Northampton to cancel the game between the two clubs on March 10 at Franklin's Gardens. The cancellation is an expression of Northampton's dissatisfaction at Park's action after the third round John Player Cup tie on January 28 when Worrall, their scrum half, received a broken jaw.

Paul Curtis, the Park's former England Under-23 squad's prop forward, was penalized for a late tackle after the incident. Worrall had to stay in hospital for 11 days. The injury has brought his club season to a premature end and prevented him representing the RAF in the inter-services tournament.

Park officials collected evidence about the affair and warned Curtis that he would be suspended if he was involved in any similar incident in the future. On Tuesday, however, Geoff Allen, the Northampton secretary, said in a statement announcing the cancellation of the game that the two clubs did not view the incident in the same light. "Northampton do not feel that appropriate disciplinary action has been taken against the Rosslyn Park player.

Though the statement did not say so, it seems possible that Northampton feel the fixture comes too soon after the Cup incident and that the appearance of Curtis might provoke unpleasant scenes off the pitch or some thought of retaliation among the players. It has been suggested that most of the players from both sides involved in the cup game seemed disposed to regard the injury as an unhappy accident and it may by worth adding that, having watched Curtis on tour, I would not regard him as a malcious player.

Brixham, who were today to begin a three-week ban imposed last weekend by the Devon Rugby Football Union, are taking legal advice to protect their senior fixtures. Apart from the ban, against which Brixham have appealed, Devon suspended the club's participation in all cup and merit table games for the rest of this season and next season.

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CRICKET

Australia make a sound start

Berbice, Guyana (Agencies) – Australia scored 231 for five off their 50 overs in the first one-day international against West Indies here yesterday.

Both teams entered the match hampered by injuries to key players. The West Indies had announced earlier that Clive Lloyd, Michael Holding and Malcolm Marshall, would be missing.

The first of the series of five Test matches is scheduled to start here tomorrow and neither wanted to risk worsening their injuries. With Kim Hughes nursing a strained hamstring and Geoff Lawson suffering a leg muscle injury the Australians delayed announcing their team until just before the start of play.

West Indies were depending on the contribution of their acting captain Vivian Richards, and Gordon Greenidge with the bat and their fast bowler, Joel Garner.

The West Indies beat Australia in six of their eight meetings in the recent World Series Cup in Australia, winning the final with two wins and a tie in the three matches.

Hughes: strained hamstring.

Damp pitch delays NZ

Galle, Sri Lanka (Agencies) – A heavy overnight downpour washed out the first day's play in the touring New Zealanders' opening three-day game against the Sri Lanka Board's Colts XI here, yesterday.

After two inspections, the umpires ruled out any play shortly after lunch.

New Zealand had left out their captain, Geoff Howarth, the all-rounder, Richard Hadlee, and the wicketkeeper, Ian Smith, for the game.

New Zealand are due to play three tests, three one-day internationals and one other three-day match during the tour.

IN BRIEF

City centre race grows

The Kelloggs city centre cycling championship, launched last summer, is to be expanded and will be staged in six cities during August and September. Many of the world's leading professionals will compete and prize money has been increased from £30,000 to £40,000.

The races will be held on six consecutive Monday evenings from August 13 and will necessitate road closures in each city. Last year's venues were Bristol, Manchester, Birmingham, Nottingham and Glasgow, and negotiations are under way for the inclusion of another for the 1984 event.

ATHLETICS: John Woods, of Liverpool, whose parents come from Dublin and who finished fourth in the English inter-counties race, has been included in the Republic of Ireland's team for the world cross-country championship in New Jersey on March 25.
MEN: R Costello, K Mills, R O'Flynn, A O'Leary, J O'Toole, J Treacy, J Woods, R Dooney.
WOMEN: M Friel, L McGrillen, R Symth, R Joyce, M Joyce.

BOXING: The European light-heavyweight championship bout between the French title-holder, Richard Caramanolis, and the challenger, Alex Blanchard, of The Netherlands, in Amsterdam on March 19 has been postponed because the Dutch boxer has injured his nose, his manager said yesterday. The Netherlands boxing association have asked the European Boxing Union for the bout to be held on April 16.

ROWING

Downing move into pole position

By a Special Correspondent

Trinity Hall's hopes of a third headship were halted coming out of Grassy Corner on the first day of the Lents when they were "drowned" by Downing who now move up into the pole position.

Downing's only challenge is likely to come from Emmanuel, in fourth place, who confirmed their threat by mowing down Lady Margaret going into Ditton, Lady Margaret also being fined for not clearing the river in time. The only other bump in the first division occured coming out of Ditton when Jesus pounced on Pembroke after closing to within a few feet at the Plough.

Lower down Caius overlapped Fitzwilliam at Grassy, missed and in spite of repeatedly attacking down the reach could never quite make the kill; whilst a last minute effort by Selwyn took them within feet of Churchill at the post.

In the women's division, Churchill, stroked by 1983 Blue boat stroke Claire Johnson followed form by knocking Newnham off the top at Grassy, but the fancied boat, Jesus, lost their chance of going head in classic style when their stroke caught a crab.

Re-rows were the order of the day, the biggest involved two thirds of the men's fifth division when both Corpus and Churchill bumped on First Post corner halting all the boats behind except Corpus IV who had caught Girton III before the melee. In spite of the pile up being described by the CUBC secretary Trevor Stirling, as the worst he had seen, the most damage suffered was a broken ruder by Trinity Hall IV.

STARTING ORDER

DIVISION I: Trinity Hall, Downing, LMBC, Emmanuel, Clare, 1st & 3rd Trinity, Pembroke, Jesus, Christ's, Fitzwilliam, Caius, Peterhouse, Queens, Churchill, Selwyn, Magdalene.
DIVISION II: Sidney Sussex, LMBC II, Jesus II, St Catharines, Corpus Christi, Caius II, Emmanuel II, Christ's II, Trinity Hall II, Magdalene II, Clare II, 1st & 3rd Trinity II, Queens' II, King's II, Downing II, Selwyn II.
DIVISION III: LMBC III, Churchill II, Pembroke II, Sidney Sussex II, Fitzwilliam II, Trinity Hall III, Jesus III, Peterhouse II, Robinson, Churchill III, LMBC IV, Darwin, Girton, Clare III, St Catharine's II, Magdalene III.
DIVISION IV: Christ's III, 1st & 3rd Trinity III, Corpus Christi II, St Catharine's III, Queens' III, Sidney Sussex III, LMBC V, Caius III, Downing III, Jesus IV, 1st & 3rd Trinity IV, Selwyn III, King's II, Fitzwilliam III, Clare IV, Addenbrookes.
DIVISION V: Pembroke III, Emmanuel III, Churchill IV, Wolfson, Corpus Christi III, Clare V, Magdalene IV, Peterhouse III, Girton II, Emmanuel IV, King's III, Trinity Hall IV, Downing IV, 1st & 3rd Trinity V, Downing V, Downing VI, Girton III, Corpus Christi IV.
WOMEN'S DIV I: Newnham, Churchill, New Hall, Girton, Jesus, Clare, Trinity Hall, Selwyn, Homerton, Sidney, Sussex, Christ's, 1st & 3rd Trinity, Emmanuel, Caius, Fitzwilliam, Newnham II, Clare II.
DIVISION II: Queens', Darwin, St Catharine's, QMABC, New Hall II, LMBC, Robinson, Downing, Selwyn II, CCAT, Christ's II, Churchill II, Homerton II, Jesus II, St Catharine's II, Jesus III, LMBC II.

MEN

DIVISION I: Downing b Trinity Hall; Emmanuel b LMBC; Jesus b Pembroke.
DIVISION II: St Catharine's b Jesus II; Caius II b Corpus Christi; Christs II b Emmanuel II; Clare II b Magdalene II; Downing II b King's.
DIVISION III: Pembroke II b Churchill II; Fitzwilliam II b Sidney Sussex II; Jesus III b Trinity Hall III; LMBC IV b Churchill III; Girton b Darwin; Christs III b Magdalene III.
DIVISION IV: Queen's III b St Catharines III; LMBC V b Sidney Sussex III; Downing III b Caius III; Fitzwilliam III ob First and Third Trinity IV; King's II b Selwyn III; Pembroke III b Addenbrookes.
DIVISION V: Churchill IV b Emmanuel III; Corpus Christi III b Wolfson; Girton II b Peterhouse III; King's III b Emmanuel IV; First and Third Trinity b Downing IV; Downing VI b Downing V; Corpus Christi IV b Girton III.
DIVISION I: Churchill b Newnham; Girton b New Hall; Clare b Jesus; Homerton b Selwyn; Emmanuel b First and Third Trinity; Fitzwilliam b Caius; Queen's b Clare II.
DIVISION II: St Catharine's b Darwin; LMBC b New Hall II; Downing b Robinson; CCAT b Selwyn II; Churchill II b Christ's II; Jesus II b Homerton II; LMBC II b Jesus II.

FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS

MADRID: Indoor grand prix tournament, first round: V van Patten (US) bt J Carlsson (Swe), 6-7, 6-1, 6-4; B Drewett (Aus) bt F Buehning (US), 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; W Scanlon (US) bt H Sundstrom (Swe), 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; V Gerulaitis (US) bt Tim Gullikson (US), 7-6, 6-3; K Curren (SA) bt M Orantes (Sp), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2. Second round: J Nystrom (Swe) bt T Hogstedt (Swe), 6-4, 6-4; M Mecir (Cz) bt M Schapers (Neth), 6-4, 6-3; S Denton (US) bt A Maurer (WG), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; T Smid (Cz) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-4, 6-3; C Hooper (US) bt E Jelen (WG), 7-6, 7-6; A Gomez (EC) bt B Teacher (US), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; M Westphal (WG) bt B Taroczy (Hun), 6-3, 6-2; A Jarryd (Swe) bt S Simonsson (Swe), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Doubles: F Buehning and F Taygan (US) bt V Gerulaitis and C Hooper (US), 7-6, 7-6; J McEnroe and P Fleming (US) bt J Sadri and R Seguso (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
CAIRO: men's tournament, first round: T Wilkison (US) bt D Gatin (US), 6-3, 6-2; R Nikson (US) bt L Bourne (US), 6-2, 6-1. Second round: M Martinez (Bol) bt L Shiras (US), 7-6, 4-6, 6-2; F Luna (It) bt G Urpi (Sp), 6-4, 6-3; J Ovendano (Sp) bt P Kuchna (Fr), 6-0, 6-0; M Dickson (US) bt M Freemann (US), 6-2, 7-6.

RUGBY UNION

Club match: Cambridge Univ 18, Anti-Assassins 15.

Tuesday

CLUB MATCHES: Exeter 3, Bath 27; Penarth 14, Maesteg 40; Roundhay 44, Leeds University 18.

CRICKET

CAPE TOWN: Currie Cup: Transvaal 425 for 7 (100 overs) and 179 (K McKenzie 51 not out; S T Jefferies 7 for 105); Western Province 327 (P N Kirsten 57, R Pienaar 51; R W Hanley 4 for 85) and 136 (A J Kourie 6 for 57).
ADELAIDE: Under-19 one-day international: Sri Lanka 104; Australia 105 for 4. Australia won by six wickets.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Washington Bullets 100, Indiana Pacers 92; Detroit Pistons 101, Atlanta Hawks 90; Dallas Mavericks 116, San Antonio Spurs 104; Los Angeles Lakers 124, Chicago Bulls 109; Houston Rockets 111, Seattle Supersonics 105; Kansas City Kings 142, Cleveland Cavaliers 137 (OT); Phoenix Suns 113, Utah Jazz 100; Portland Trail Blazers 117, San Diego Clippers 99; Golden State Warriors 140, Denver Nuggets 137 (OT).
TUESDAY: National Association: New York Knicks 96, Atlanta Hawkes 92.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men's first division: Bracknell Pirates 91 (Calandrillo 39), Sunderland 86 (Wearren 26).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Vancouver Canucks 3, Washington Capitals 2; Quebec Nordiques 8, Detroit Redwings 2; New York Rangers 3, New Jersey Devils 3 (OT); St Louis Blues 5, Minnesota North Stars 2; Calgary Flames 8, Los Angeles Kings 1; Hartford Whalers at Montreal Canadiens – postponed due to snow.
TUESDAY: Boston Bruins 3, Buffalo Sabres 1; Edmonton Oilers 8, Winnipeg Jets 5.

SKIING

Scotland: Cairngorm- Upper runs and middle runs- complete, wide cover of wet snow. Surface icy. Lower slopes- complete, wide cover of wet snow. Vertical runs: 1800ft. Hill roads and main roads: clear. Snow level: 1800ft. Glenshee- Upper runs: complete, wet snow with icy patches. Lower slopes- ample nursery areas, wet snow with icy patches. Vertical runs: 1000ft. Hill roads and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft. Glencoe- Upper runs: complete wide cover of hard packed snow. Lower slopes: complete, wide cover of wet snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 2,000ft. Hill roads and main roads: clear. Snow level: 1600ft. Lecht- Upper runs and middle runs: complete, wide cover of wet snow on a firm base. Lower slopes- ample nursery areas, wet snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill roads and main roads- clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

SNOOKER

King has quick start and hurricane finish

Warren King pulled off one of the surprises of the season in Derby on Tuesday night when he eliminated Alex Higgins to reach the semi-finals of the £65,000 International Masters tournament, sponsored by Yamaha, in Derby.

The Australian, in his first season a professional, with a break of 58 that gave him the first frame. Higgins pulled level with a 53 but fell 70-45 in the deciding third frame.

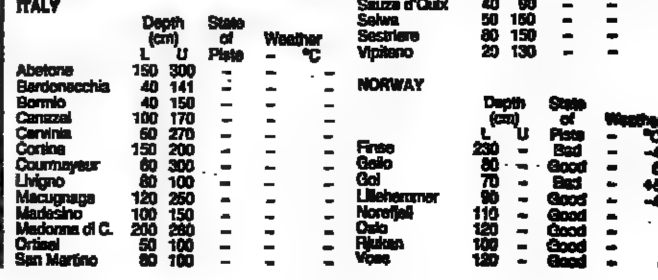
Eddie Charlton, the Australian champion, joined his compatriot in the semi-finals when he finished narrowly ahead in qualifying group five yesterday.

DERBY: Yamaha masters tournament: Group one: R Reardon bt M Darrington 2-0; M Morra (Can) bt Darrington 2-1; Reardon bt Morra 2-0. Group two: S Davis bt D Mountjoy 2-0; Mountjoy bt W Kelly 2-0; Davis bt Kelly 2-0. Group eight: T Griffiths bt J White 2-1; White bt E Sinclair 2-0; Griffiths bt Sinclair 2-0. Higgins (Manchester) bt J Fitzmaurice (Birmingham) 2-0; W King (Australia) bt Fitzmaurice 2-1; King bt Higgins 2-1. King qualifies for the semi-finals. E Charlton (Australia) bt J Virgo (Guildford) 2-0; Virgo bt P Medati (Salford) 2-0; Medati bt Charlton 2-1. Charlton qualifies for semi-finals.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Avoriaz	200	220	Good	Crust	Good	Fine	+1
Spring snow on lower slopes							
Crans-Montana	180	250	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	-6
Good piste skiing							
Flaine	160	345	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	+1
Good piste conditions							
Gstaad	70	160	Good	Varied	Good	Sun	+2
Piste skiing excellent							
St. Mortiz	65	90	Good	Varied	Good	Snow	-2
Good skiing on most runs							
Val d'Isère	122	240	Good	Varied	Good	Cloud	-8
Good skiing. Poor visibility							
Verbier	75	145	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	-3
Powder on north facing slopes							
Villars	105	195	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	+4
Spring snow skiing after 1200							
Wegen	35	140	Good	Powder	Good	Sun	-1
Good snow on all slopes							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following report has been received from a tourist board:



ITALY

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
Abetone	150	300	–	–	–
Bardonecchia	40	141	–	–	–
Bormio	40	150	–	–	–
Canazei	100	170	–	–	–
Cervinia	60	270	–	–	–
Cortina	150	200	–	–	–
Courmayeur	60	300	–	–	–
Livigno	80	100	–	–	–
Macugnaga	120	250	–	–	–
Madesimo	100	150	–	–	–
Madonna di C.	200	280	–	–	–
Ortisei	50	100	–	–	–
San Martino	80	100	–	–	–
Sauze d'Oulx	40	90	–	–	–
Selva	50	160	–	–	–
Sestriere	80	150	–	–	–
Vipiteno	20	130	–	–	–

NORWAY

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
Finse	230	–	Bad	–	-4
Geilo	80	–	Good	–	6
Gol	70	–	Bad	–	+5
Lillehammer	90	–	Good	–	-4
Norefjell	110	–	Good	–	6
Oslo	120	–	Good	–	-4
Rjukan	100	–	Good	–	6
Voss	120	–	Good	–	-2

RUGBY UNION

Winterbottom satisfies selectors on fitness and will play against France

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Peter Winterbottom, the Headingley flanker, will take his place in England's side to play France in Paris on Saturday after passing a fitness test yesterday. Winterbottom played for his club against Hartlepool Rovers last Saturday after missing the game with Ireland because of a recurring hip injury.

However, he received a knock on the thigh against Hartlepool and was unable to take part in England's training evening at Stourbridge on Monday. With Cooke (Harlequins) his replacement against Ireland, down with influenza Rees, the Nottingham flanker joined England at Stourbridge. The selectors, however, gave Winterbottom two days' grace in which to prove his fitness and yesterday he was satisfied, after treatment from his local physiotherapist, that the bruising had gone. Cooke has also recovered from his illness, though the selectors had taken the precaution of asking Rees to withdraw from the Northern invitation side, the Anti-assassins who played Cambridge University yesterday.

Ciaran Fitzgerald, the former Ireland captain and hooker, will not be able to take his place as a replacement against Scotland in Dublin on Saturday. He was injured playing for St Mary's College last weekend and the place now goes to Cantrell (Blackrock College) who won the last of his nine caps against Australia three years ago.

Ominously for England Holmes, the Cardiff scrumhalf, has been added to the Welsh squad which will train next Thursday in preparation for the final game of the season at Twickenham on March 17. Another player with representative hopes, Bailey, the Cambridge University captain, has joined Wasps and will play for their second team against Coventry on Saturday.

Bailey, who played in England's trial in January on the left wing will be available for selection in the side to play Bath in the John Player Cup quarter finals. He is also one of two uncapped players maned in the Barbarians side to meet the East Midlands in the Mobbs Memorial match at Northampton on March 7. The other is Hendy, the Cornish flanker.



Winterbottom: bruising gone

BARBARIANS TEAM: W Hare (Leicester); H E Rees (Neath), M Kiernan (Lansdowne), R Ackerman (London Welsh), M Bailey (Cambridge University); M Quinn (Lansdowne), M Douglas (Llanelli); C White (Gosforth), P Wheeler (Leicester), I Eidman (Cardiff), P Hendy (St Ives), T Shaw (Newbridge), R Norster (Cardiff), D Cooke (Harlequins), P Simpson (Bath).

● Andy Irvine, Scotland's long-serving full-back, picked as one of the replacements against Ireland in Dublin on Saturday, has a fitness test on a back injury today.

● Scotland's plans to succeed where Wales failed by beating Romania during their short tour in May, suffered a setback yesterday when Colin Deans, hooker, announced that he does not wish to be considered for the squad (Iain Mackenzie writes). Earlier this year, 30 players were asked if they would be available and Deans was among those who wanted to make the trip. Yesterday he said: "I was with Scotland in New Zealand in 1981 and Australian 12 months later. Last summer I was back in New Zealand with the Lions and while I would like the experience of playing in eastern Europe, it is time to think of my family."

Deans has also had to turn down an invitation to play in select team in the Hongkong International Sevens tournament later this month. "Hawick have two National League fixtures and a Border League game against Gala at the same time as the Hongkong event. So I am duty bound to stay at home," he said.

Captain steps into the breach in time

By Peter Marson

Cambridge University 16
Anti-Assassins 15

Cambridge have been anything but consistent of late and in the last match of the Lent term at Grange Road yesterday few among a small crowd would have been surprised if they had lost to Anti-Assassins. A defeat looked likely when they trailed 13-15 and they were well into the last quarter when Bailey, Cambridge's captain, now aware that Andrew was not wearing his place-kicking boots, stepped up to land a penalty goal from the 10-metre line.

If Anti-Assassins thought that to be rough justice, there was an element of truth in so thinking; yet it was true also that Cambridge ought to have won by a street; a margin of a single point was anything but satisfactory.

Cambridge were confused in midfield and this robbed us of the opportunity of seeing the best of the wings, Bailey and Smith. But in a gallop or two Bailey made his point and Smith's dashing, darting crossfield run midway through the second half, which brought Cambridge a much-needed six points, was the high point of a match brimming with endeavour.

No doubt Smith was as surprised as most people when Green, the hooker, appeared at his elbow and, taking his chance well, pushed on to score his second try. Anti-Assassins, too, experienced difficulty in getting their act together. But there was no faulting their technique when packing down at a scrummage a short step or two from the Cambridge line. Twice a squeeze and a steady shove paid a suitable dividend and in each case No 8, Dransfield, demonstrated his judgment and skill before picking up and diving for the line and a try.

SCORERS: Cambridge: Tries: Green (2). Conversion: Andrew. Penalty goals: Andrew, Bailey. Anti-Assassins: Tries: Dransfield (2), I Wilkinson. Penalty goal: Walsh.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: R Scher (OEH Bristol and Jesus); *S Smith (Henry VI and Jesus), [illegible] and Peterhouse); P David (RGS Guildford and Trinity Hall).
*A Blue.
ANTI-ASSASSINS: D Walsh; R Summer, S Christopherson, B Aspinall, I Wilkinson; P Williams, I Peck; S Sherlock, P Samuels, M Callory; B Lundy, N Wilkinson, W Dooley, P Buckton, R Dransfield.
Referee: D Robinson (Eastern Counties).

RACING

Lead role now for Mossy Moore

By Dick Hinder

Mossy Moore's achievement in winning his fourth novice chase in a row at Kempton Park on Saturday passed almost unnoticed. This was hardly surprising when the jockey who partnered him was none other than National Hunt's megastar himself, John Francome. That victory put him on a career mark of 999.

Mossy Moore, meanwhile, having satisfied Brian Chinn, his Bristol owner-trainer, that he is none the worse for his weekend exertions, reappears in today's Manifesto Novices' Chase at Lingfield Park with a fine chance of extending his winning sequence.

It is the excellence of his jumping that has served Mossy Moore so well. He has twice strolled round Plumpton's tricky undulating circuit as though it was no more than a schooling gallop and a Fontwell success in between was also gained in facile fashion.

The eight-year-old met stiffer opposition at Kempton but stayed on well to beat River Rhein by two lengths and now looks capable of conceding 5lb to Don't Shout.

Another horse chasing his fifth win in a row is Churches Green, from Stan Mellor's in-form stable. The five-year-old has also shown his liking for Plumpton and after three novice wins there, went on to score for the first time in handicap company at Chepstow. Great Light has been competing against top opposition this term, but it looks a tall order for him to concede 28lb to the improving Lambourn challenger. Graham Thorner has not had the best of luck this season with Get Out Of Me Way breaking down in the Welsh Grand National and Irish Glory failing to confirm last season's potential. But Hardy Jack, who ran well for a long way before fading into ninth place behind Rajan Sunshine at Sandown recently, could provide him with a welcome winner in the second division of the Orpington Novices Hurdle.

Guy Kindersley's expensive recruit, Orange Reef, could never get in a challenge at Lochboisdale last time out at Sandown but previously had run on well to beat Northern Trial by eight lengths at Lingfield, and should get back on the winning trail in the first division.

Mercy Rimell looks the trainer to follow at Ludlow where King's Jug (2.45) and Lewis Homes (3.15) should oblige for the Kimmersley stable.



Well done, John: Observe gives Francome a congratulatory nudge in the winner's enclosure (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Francome times 1,000th win to perfection

With a typically precise sense of timing, John Francome rode his 1,000th winner at Worcester yesterday, the course where it all began for him just over 13 years ago. Multigrey gave him a winner on his first ride in public there in November, 1970, and it was Observe who brought up the 1,000 when winning the Sidbury Handicap Chase.

Francome's step into history as only the second man, apart from Stan Mellor, to reach this total, was relatively straightforward. He took Observe, the 5-2 on favourite, to the front almost immediately and apart from a brief spell when Bashful Lad led him down the back straight, he was always in command. Observe was back in front on the turn for home and despite a mistake three fences out stayed on well to beat Fire Drill by two and a half lengths. Bashful Lad was another two lengths back in third.

Francome returned to a rapturous reception, but in the unsaddling enclosure wore the resigned expression of a man less than ecstatic at having a day's work interrupted by a massive media presence.

Ironically, Francome was only a deputy on Observe, whose intended jockey, Ben de Haan, was injured in a fall at Stratford on Saturday and is unlikely to be back before the weekend.

Francome has mixed memories of Observe. He has twice been fined for his riding of the horse this season, once for taking things too easily, then for excessive use of the whip. But Francome conceded "The horse owes me nothing now." Francome's next target is to beat Mellor's record of 1,034 winners.

Later Francome drank a champagne toast, he paid tribute to those who have helped him throughout his career, adding feelingly: "especially the doctors."

It was appropriate that Francome should reach the 1,000 on a horse trained by Fred Winter, with whom the jockey has shared many of his greatest moments. Observe Now goes for the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup with de Haan in the saddle, and is generally quoted at 12-1. Francome will ride Brown Chamberlin, also for Winter.

Although comparisons can be misleading, it is a testament to Francome that he took slightly over 13 years to reach four figures as against the 18 years it took Mellor. Francome said: "I'm quietly relieved its all over, and as far as I'm concerned it's just back to work again tomorrow."

Francome has one false start when an earlier mount, Country Agent, was beaten four lengths by Webwood in the first division of the Ferry Novices' Hurdle. The winning jockey, Graham McCourt, looked almost embarrassed at Spoiling the celebration party but Francome's moment of triumph was merely delayed. It was a good effort on the part of the John Webber-trained Webwood, who had been off the course for four months since suffering sore shins at Cheltenham.

The Worcester clerk of the course, Hugo Bevan announced that there would be a race next year named after Francome's achievement. When told of the plan, Francome said: "I hope it's something for novice chasers." Corals go 5-2 against Francome to beat Mellor's record total this season, but Hills offer only even money.

At Wetherby Tony Charlton was also in buoyant mood after riding a 14-1 double on Grinders and Aversun. This was topped up with the news of two big race bookings for him at Haydock on Saturday.

The double gave Charlton, aged 28, his best-ever season with 27 winners, and on Saturday he deputises for the injured John O'Neill on Afzal in the John Craig Victor Ludorum Hurdle, and Fearless Seal in the Timeform Chase. Both horses are trained by Reg Hollinshead, for whom Charlton has never ridden before. Afzal was the horse whose fall at Huntingdon last week put O'Neill on the sidelines with a cracked cheek-bone.

The first leg of the double was easy for Charlton, who won the Sittinghall Novices Chase by eight lengths on Ted Carter's Grinders, now likely to revert to hurdles for the Coral Final at Cheltenham. But he was kept on tenterhooks for nearly half an hour before being ruled the winner on Aversun for Bill Haigh in the East Keswick Handicap Chase.

Jefferson swoops to conquer

By Nicholas Keith

British Polytechnics 18
Public School Wanderers 26

A freckle-faced American Eagle swooped on East London yesterday, to deliver this match into the clutches of the Public School Wanderers. Willie Jefferson, from Santa Monica, scored three opportunist tries in his side's entertaining victory, by a goal and five tries, to two goals and two penalties.

Jefferson, who is 26 and had played for the American Eagles, is spending a season in England learning more about rugby, mainly with Harlequins.

This was the Polytechnics' second serious outing of the season, and a lack of cohesion was evident from the start. They were outgunned at the scrummages and outmanoeuvred by the Wanderers' back row. Despite the presence among their own backs of players with club experience, they stood like gravestones in the nearby East London Cemetery as Jefferson scored his first two tries after 20 and 24 minutes. Then Hodgkinson landed a penalty for the Polytechnics, before Dent was sent in for a simple try by Lelue for the Wanderers.

The Public Schools seemed to lose touch and concentration after Gittins scored three minutes into the second half. Hodgkinson landed another penalty, from wide on the left, and Mark Willis, an inspirational captain for the Polytechnics, scored a well-deserved try after a period of pressure. Hodgkinson converted, but Jefferson swooped again to score his third try from an inside pass by Dunn, which Wright converted.

A try for each side in the last five minutes rounded off a spirited afternoon. Powell crossed for the Polytechnics after Murphy had stolen the opposition's scrummage ball; then Steadman, the Wanderers' scrum half, had his revenge after Polytechnics were driven over their own line at a five-metre scrum and he dived on the ball.

SCORERS: British Polytechnics: Tries: Willis, Powell. Penalties: Hodgkinson (2). Conversions (2). Public School Wanderers: Tries: Jefferson (3), Dent, Gittins, Steadman. Conversion: Wright.
BRITISH POLYTECHNICS: S Hodgkinson (Trent); S Campbell (Thames), J Hughes (South Bank), S Wilson (North Staffs), A Walton (Leeds); R Cramb (Kingston), K Murphy (Trent); G Evans (Middx), M Willis (Leeds), T Growcott (Wolverhampton), K Withey (Kingston), N Edwards (Oxford), J Wills (Bristol), L Powell (Wolverhampton), S Russell (South Bank).
PUBLIC SCHOOL WANDERERS: B Dunn (Saracens); W Jefferson (Santa Monica), G Lelue (Swansea), D Fouhy (London Welsh), A Dent (Harlequins); C Wright, F Steadman (Saracens); N Porter (Wasps), S Jones (Saracens), P Shafroth (London Welsh), I Gittins (London Welsh), D Hoad (London Welsh), M Green (Wellington Colts), D Kenningham, A Kaye (Saracens).
Referee: P Wakefield (London).

Thomas risks early return

Steve Thomas, the Coventry captain and scrum half, is to ingore medical advice and play on Saturday, in an attempt to get fit for the John Player Cup quarter-final against Harlequins one week later.

Thomas, who broke a wrist three months age, has been advised not to come back until the following week, but he needs a match before the cup tie, and will play in the second team against Wasps. In the first team fixture against Wasps, Coventry will be without the number eight, Travers, who is playing for the Army, and the wing, Saunders, who is resting a leg strain.

TABLE TENNIS

Douglas drops in ranking

Desmond Douglas, the England No 1, has dropped two places to eighth in the new European table tennis rankings after preffering to rest instead of play in the recent European top-12 tournament in Bratislava.

Carl Prean, slips from fifteenth to eighteenth, which means he will not be seeded in the European championships in Moscow, if he is selected. The England women's champion, Karen Witt, however, does qualify for a Moscow seeding. She is ranked sixteenth.

Ludlow

GOING: Good to soft

2.15 BORDER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£683: 2m) (19 runners)

1	003323	HAWAIIAN HEIR (H White) W Clay 5-11-11	Diana Clay
2	314441	PROBABLIST (D) (B) (J Jardine) W Clay 5-11-11	P Dever
4	00001	DESERT AIR (G Pearson) K Bridgwater 5-11-8	W Worthington
5	030po	CHAD'S DELIGHT (P Halsall) R Juckes 4-11-7	–
6	04-4400	LINPAC GOLD (M McEwan) S Bridge 5-11-7	M Rowley
8	404p20	STRASS CHANDERLIER (P Power) W G M Turner 5-11-4	D Chinn
9	0000	MILLERS WAY (Mrs S Duncan) B Forsey 5-11-2	–
10	000033	NICK BARRY (B) (R Piper) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-1	J Ricketts
11	14p240	GREENACRES JOY (D) (B) (A Parton) B Preece 4-11-1	–
13	000-u00	BOLD RODERICK (Mrs J Fraser) Mrs J Fraser 5-10-12	M Caswell
14	44004p	BATON MATCH (M Shone) M Chapman 4-10-10	K Burke
15	000u00	YO-HO (D) (D Thompson) O Brennan 5-10-9	P A Farrell
16	0003o	SHEER MADNESS (M Jowitt) W G M Turner 4-10-8	S Lovejoy
17	00-0000	POLEMISTIS (B) (Mrs M James) M James 5-10-8	C Cowley
19	000440	LIFT HIGH (B) (M Endicott) D Tucker 5-10-7	B Powell
20	00p	LILLE (B) (S Bedford) B Forsey 5-10-7	–
21	00u003	ZULU WARRIOR (A Jones) A Jones 5-10-7	J D Davies
22	p-0f0	TOSAY (W Wardle) W Whiston 5-10-7	–
23	pu-p300	FAST AND SURE (O Jones) B Cambidge 5-10-7	W Humphreys

1983: Miss lightening 5-10-2 L Mernbury (25-1) R Thompson 18 ran.

5-2 Probablist, 11-4 Nick Barry, 9-2 Zulu Warrior, 6 Hawaiian Heir, 8 Greenacres Joy, 12 Sheer Madness, Lift High, 18 others.

2.45 BROMFIELD NOVICES' CHASE (6-y-o: £968: 2m) (14)

1	230p10	CAL MAL (K Dunn) K Dunn 11-12	Mr P Schofield 4
2	2f3130	DAWN STREET (D) (B) (J Candy) (P Bailey) 11-12	R Strange 4
4	000-00	CAPTAIN KELLY (Mrs M Wiggin) T Forster 11-7	P Barton
5	00	CASANOVA'S STORY (A Nattey) J Thorne 11-7	P Dever 4
6	0-p000p	DICKIE BOW (B) (L Waring) L Waring 11-7	B Powell 7
7	f0p0-0	GENERAL SANDY (A Siddmore) Mrs C Popham 11-7	J Suthern
8	pp00p	INDIAN DEBT (B) (T Pocock) R Pocock 11-7	M Nuttall 7
9	111320	KING'S JUG (David Timothy) Mrs M Rimell 11-7	S Morshead
10	00	MEER HILL (P Mason) N Gaselee 11-7	V McKevitt
12	0-	PICKLED WILLIE (P Rabl) K Bailey 11-7	Mr P Webber
13	000p0-2	RIVER SHEEN (A Warrender) T Forster 11-7	P Scudamore
14	0-04340	BUY NOW (M Gallifher) L Kennard 11-2	J Williams
15	00-00p0	IRISH MINT (G Johnson) J Edwards 11-2	–
17	2-00pf	SUTTON COURT (Miss B Sykes) Miss B Sykes 11-2	P Warner

1983: Royal Mere 12-3 S Morshead (8-11 fav) Mrs M Rimell 14 ran.

9-4 King's Jug, 3 Dawn Street, 4 River Sheen, 7 Buy Now, 9 Cal Mal, 12 Meer Hill, Pickled Willie, 16 others.

3.15 FORBRA HANDICAP CHASE (£1,697: 3m) (16)

2	011-330	LEWIS HOMES (CD) (Lewis Bros) Mrs M Rimell 10-11-9	Mr A Sharpe
3	4-10204	LORD LEIGHTON (B) (S Hunt) L Kennard 8-11-8	–
5	f11-8p0	ROYAL ADMIRAL (S Alday) T Forster 8-11-4	P Barton
7	412122	LODGE'S FORTUNE (C) (Mrs G Lodge) Mrs S Davenport 9-11-2	P Scudamore
9	620410	HAYBALE (D) (Exors of the late G Goodman) J Spearing 10-11-2 (5 ex)	R Dickin
10	024u42	KUMBI (O Lunt) D McCain 9-10-13	K Doolan 7
13	201330	LAURENSUN (CD) (Mrs C Black) M Oliver 9-10-9	Mr R Dunwoody 7
15	3u0004	HADAJAR (A Morris) M Tate 9-10-6	C Smith
16	2114-u	CORBY WOOD (B Babbage) D Winde 10-10-6	Mr N Babbage 4
19	1p/0p40	JOCKS BOND (D) (B Davies) R Holder 10-10-2	–
20	124/34	MOUNT OLIVER (D Smith) M Scudamore 8-10-2	M Williams
21	pu2332	MINT STREAK (P Oliver) Mrs E Kennard 8-10-0	P Richards
24	133u0p	FLASH HARRY (F Yardley) F Yardley 11-10-0	R Crank
25	442p/01	JIMMY NEFF (T Roydon) I Wardle 13-10-0	–
26	00-400	TILTHAMMER MILL (D) (Mrs J Greenhalgh) Mr M Rimell 10-10-0	S Morshead
27	48f4p-0	DICKWYN (D) (B Charnley) B Charnley 12-10-0	T Donnelly 7

1983: Flagstaff 11-10-5 R Davies (5-1) T Forster 18 ran.

3 Lodge's Fortune, 7-2 Hadajar, 9-2 Laurensun, 5 Royal Admiral, 7 Lord Leighton, 8 Lewis Homes, Haybale, 12 Kumbi, 16 others.

3.45 CORVEDALE NOVICES' HURDLE (4-y-o: £479: 2m) (18)

1	00	ALSAYEGH (S Cook) B Palling 10-10	C Evans 7
2	0	BENMORE (B Arnold) Mrs J Pitman 10-10	Mr M Pitman 7
3	f0	GAMBLING BOY (Leisure Parkland) Mrs E Kennard 10-10	P Stone 7
4	0	GOLD ACE (W Whiston) W Whiston 10-10	Mr S Dickin 7
6	p0	KEMALOCK (C Curl) Miss A King 10-10	J Burke
8	0	MERCHANT FRUITERER (L Perry) B McMahon 10-10	T Wall
11	0p00	PRINCEWHISTLEFIELD (G Turk) D Winde 10-10	R Hyett
12	34	SEAGRAM (D Barons) D Barons 10-10	J Frost
13	p	THE BLACK ISLE (F Yardley) F Yardley 10-10	C Smith
15	300	TUDOR FUN (R Morris) R Morris 10-10	–
16	000	ANKERDINE BELLE (Mrs J Leighton) A Leighton 10-5	B Powell 7
17	00	EYTON MILADY (F Baddoes) K White 10-5	M Brisbourne
20	0f	JIMSTREAM (S Martin) R Holder 10-5	P Richards
21		LA VERITE (G Yardley) G Yardley 10-5	P Carvill
22	0	LO JUNCTION (W Whiston) W Whiston 10-5	Mrs K Dickin 7
24	p0	PRECIPICE MOSS (Mrs J Landless) I Landless 10-5	R Dickin
26	p	SPACE LYRIC (P Halsall) R Juckes 10-5	Mr G Williams 7
27	0	WOODLAND RETREAT (Miss B Sykes) Miss B Sykes 10-5	P Warner

1983: Brobury 10-10 C Seward (85-40) D Haydn Jones 15 ran.

6-4 Seagram, 7-2 Benmore, 5 Jimstream, 7 Tudor Fun, 8 Eyton Milady, 12 Merchant Fruiterer, 16 others.

4.15 ALDON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,419: 2m 4f) (15)

1	12-0f1f	DINGBAT (CD) (BF) (A Boyce) J Wright 8-12-0	K Mooney
6	421ff0	FURY BOY (D) (Capt J Macdonald-Buchanan) D Nicholson 11-11-1	P Scudamore
9	30b-031	STRAIGHT CASH (Lady More) Mrs W Sykes 11-10-7 (5 ex)	S Morshead
10	p-00003	SKEHEENS (Mrs L Simpson) J Edwards 9-10-6	–
12	f4444	PIZZA (CD) (Mrs S Green) N Gaselee 13-10-5	V McKevitt
13	fp01-fp	TRUSTY CATCHER (M Tate) M Tate 6-10-4	R Hyett
15	p-p100a	CHARLEY FISHER (B Babbage) I Wardle 9-10-2	Mr N Babbage 4
16	00-41p0	KING JAGUAR (P McCaul) P O'Connor 8-10-2	–
19	22003-4	ARCTICLAC (Mrs S Thomas) J Priday 11-10-0	G Jones
20	0-443u3	SHOTANG (D) (T Wragg) R Perkins 9-10-0	R Crank
23	pp-4110	NAVARO (B) (Capt J George) J George 10-10-0	Philip Hobbs
24	4f21fb	ELMBROOK (Mrs P Joynes) J Spearing 8-10-0	–
27	f4002p	INTOXICATED (T Nicholls) T Nicholls 10-10-0	M Brennan
28	000-00	HOODED CROW (Miss A Usborne) J Priday 8-10-0	–
29	f303pp	ELROY (D Squire) B Preece 8-10-0	R Strange 4

1983: Steve Bracken 7-12-3 R Earnshaw (11-10 fav) M Dickinson 15 ran.

7-4 Straight Cash, 100-30 Dingbat, 11-2 Fury Boy, 6 Navaro, 8 Shotang, 10 Elmbrook, 12 Arcticlac, 15 others.

4.45 LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE (mares: £1,315: 3m 1f 180yd) (18)

1	03030-	EMMABEL (J Welts) J Spearing 10-11-10	S Morshead
2	0010-00	SOMAY (M Maycroft) D Nicholson 7-11-7	P Scudamore
5	33022b	BADSWORTH GIRL (Mrs V Hurst) R Frost 6-11-6	J Frost
6	00004p	SPACED OUT (L Preece) T Bailey 9-10-11	P Carvill
7	u03122	CAMEBELLE (Major N Martin) N Mitchell 6-10-11	B Powell 7
8	0-00140	SEA CARGO (J Johnson) J Johnson 9-10-9	–
10	014043	UPHAM KELLY (R Brinkworth) D Gandolfo 5-10-8	P Barton
11	03300-0	PICKLED TINK (Mrs C Richards) Mrs C Richards 7-10-1	Mrs Linda Sheedy
13	p/34-02	SPARTAN DAISY (Mrs D Henderson) N Henderson 8-10-0	Mr J White
14	30102p	GOLDEN HORNET (B) (K Dunn) K Dunn 6-10-0	Mr P Schofield 4
15	00010p	TROLL LADY (D Carey) D Carey 7-10-0	M Williams
17	140p1u	CWMYREITHIN (Mrs C Crozier) V Bishop 6-10-0	–
18	422440	LADYCROSS (A Smith) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-0	M Bastard
19	10-0304	SHIRLEY GROVE (BF) (C Moffitt) P Bevan 6-10-0	T Wall
20	224300	FREE CHOICE (CD) (Mrs M Oliver) M Oliver 6-10-0	Mr R Dunwoody 7
22	030023	LAURELLO (R Chugg) R Chugg 7-10-0	R Pusey 7
23	130-000	HASTY KATE (L Tory) L Tory 5-10-0	–
24	00/1-00	NEARLY STRAIGHT (Mrs I De Wilton) Mrs E Kennard 6-10-0	P Stone 7

1983: Keshoon 5-10-3 S Smith Eccles (7-1) P Bevan 17 ran.

3 Upham Kelly, 7-2 Camebelle, 9-2 Somay, 6 Golden Hornet, 7 Shirley Grove, 8 Laurello, 10 Sea Cargo, 12 Badsworth Girl, 16 others.

Lingfield Park

GOING: Chase, good to soft; hurdles, soft

Tote: Double: 3.0, 4.0. Treble: 2.30, 3.30, 4.30.

2.0 ORPINGTON NOVICES' HURDLES (Div I: £584: 2m) (17 runners)

101	30-0301	EVER GREAT (CD) (D Bowkett) D Oughton 5-11-9	P Double
104	004	BLENDING (Mrs P White) B Wise 5-11-4	R Rowell
105	0p00	CRIMSON KNIGHT (Cherry Tree Stables) S Harris 5-11-4	–
106	432820	EUROLINK BOY (Eurolink Computer) A Moore 5-11-4	G Moore
107	p00	GAWAINE (A Alright) R Atkins 5-11-4	R Atkins
111	0	MARALCO (W King) W King 5-11-4	D Smith
112	03-0404	MR CANDY (A Moore) A Moore 5-11-4	G Moore
114	p00	RIBU DANCER (R Morris) J Long 5-11-4	C Mann 4
115	00u00-0	ROYAL MARX (W Morgan) B Palling 7-11-4	Mr W Morgan 4
118	2029	SEABATTLE (Mrs N Goulandris) J Gifford 5-11-4	R Rowe
118	3010	ORANGE REEF (CD) (M Gilloran) G Kindersley 4-11-1	J Francome
119		FILLEGONDE (J Knowles) J Davies 6-10-13	L Mancini 7
120		WAYWARD ARIEL (M Smith) M Smith 8-10-13	Mr T Grantham 7
121	0040	COLONEL GODFREY (Mrs S Archibald) J Old 4-10-10	NON RUNNER
124	0	MAGUS (J Blackborow) M Tompkins 4-10-10	–
126	0	SUNDIATA (M Bryant) S Woodman 4-10-10	W Smith
127	400	WALHAN (T Myles) P Mitchell 4-10-10	S Keightley

1983: Whole Shebang 4-11-1 S Knight (8-1) A Turnell 17 ran

6-4 Orange Reef, 5-2 Ever Great, 4 Sea Battle, 7 Eurolink Boy, 10 Mr Candy, 14 others.

2.30 R.E. SASSOON HUNTERS' CHASE (amateurs: £841: 3m) (8)

201	f4opu-4	ABO (K Higson) A Moore 12-12-0	Miss C Moore 7
205	400/u0-	LOCHAGE (CD) (A Portman) A Portman 13-12-0	M Portman
206	31p-332	LOYAL PARTNER (CD) (Mrs L Clay) T Clay 10-12-0	T Grantham 7
207	1-	PERTRUDO (C Gregson) C Gregson 10-12-0	C Gregson 7
208	14033p-	PINE KING (P Horton) P Horton 9-12-0	–
210	3430-21	VENTURE TO COGNAC (D) (N Sherwood) F Winter 11-12-0	Mr O Sherwood
211	pp-pf3	JIMMY COTTAGE (G Gregson) G Gregson 7-11-9	–
212	00303p	POLLY MAJOR (A Ashford) M Bolton 8-11-9	Mr S Sherwood

1983: Royal Mail 13-12-0 T Thomson Jones (3-1) S Mellor 13 ran.

2-5 Venture To Cohnac, 9-2 Loyal Partner, 8 Lochage, 12 Abo, 16 Pine King, 20 others.

3.00 ORPINGTON NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: £548: 2m) (13)

304	0	COUNT OF SICILY (I Campbell) I Campbell 5-11-4	R Campbell 4
305	p	DEV (C Weedon) K Bailey 5-11-4	M Perrett
307	4/00042	GOLDEN BRIGADIER (Mrs S Bingley) J Old 6-11-4	P Murphy
308	pp-p000	HANG LOOSE COUSIN (Mrs L Beasley) H Beasley 7-11-44	M Furlong
309	30	HARDY JACK (G Dungate) G Thorner 6-11-4	R Kington
311	f004	NIKIFOROS (Miss B Hiller) R Atkins 5-11-4	R Atkins
312	0000	NOVEMBER RAIN (Mrs J Ramsay) D Oughton 6-11-4	R Rowe
314	000	SHOOTING BUTTS (T Bell) C Reed 6-11-4	J Hughes
315	600	SPECTO SOLIS (M Bryant) S Woodman 5-11-4	W Smith
317	34	BEN'S BIRDIE (Mrs A Tompkins) M Tompkins 4-10-10	–
318		GALAXY IMP (M Smith) M Smith 4-10-10	Mr T Grantham 7
321	003	MARTIAL COMMANDER (C Read) C Reed 4-10-10	–
323	000	LELLIOTT'S GIRL (J Lelliott) P Mitchell 4-10-3	S Keightley

1983: Tenth Of October 4-10-11 M Perrett (5-6 fav) S Mellor 21 ran.

5-2 Ben's Birdie, 7-2 Golden Brigadier, 4 Nikiforos, 9-2 Martial Commander, 7 Shooting Butts, 10 Hardy Jack, 14 others.

3.30 JERRY M HANDICAP CHASE (£3,118: 2m 4f) (3)

4-1	2p-0220	STRAIGHT JOCELYN (CD) (D Jackson) R Armytage 12-11-10	A Webber
403	2104-43	TIEPOLINO (CD) (Mrs B House) K Bishop 12-10-9	S Smith Eccles
405	222424	ROMANY COURT (L Garrett) W R Williams 12-10-0	C Gray 4

1982: Bold Argument 10-11-2 G McCourt (7-2) R Blakeney 8 ran.

10-11 Straight Jocelyn, 9-4 Tiepolino, 3 Romany Count.

4.0 MANIFESTO NOVICES' CHASE (£1,628: 2m) (10)

501	441111	MOSSY MOORE (D) (B Chinn) B Chinn 8-11-3	J Francome
502	323f10/	DENSTON (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 7-11-5	N Madden
503	341-4f0	DON'T SHOUT (F Pullen) J Gifford 6-11-5	R Rowe
504	1-3f020	FLYING JACKDAW (J Sclater) H O'Neill 8-11-5	G Newman
506	1p0-pf	PRINCE PIRATE (D Henley) D Henley 9-11-5	W Elderfield 7
508	f2f14p	TEN BEARS (CD) (BF) (Air Cdre C Kunkler) T Jones 8-11-5	G Charles-Jones 7
509	460000	TUDOR BOIS (A Albright) R Atkins 6-11-5	–
512	000-004	KINGMON'S GIRL (J King) J Long 7-11-0	C Mann 4
513	0p/	MURRYFIELD LADY (C Read) C Read 7-11-0	J Hughes
514	00-03p0	MOROCCO BOUND (P Kennedy) S Woodman 5-10-10	A Webber

1983: The Floorlayer 5-10-10 C Brown (9-4) D Elsworth 18 ran.

8-15 Mossy Moore, 7-2 Don't Shout, 7 Ten Bears, 12 Flying Jackdaw, 18 Kingmon's Girl, 20 others.

4.30 THREE COUNTIES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,494: 2m) (6)

601	643000	GREAT LIGHT (B) (B Atkinson J Jenkins 6-12-0	J Francome
609	2-00fp0	HATTAN (CD) (G Yarrow) P Mitchell 8-10-4	S Keightley
610	0-21111	CHURCHES GREEN (D) (S Tindall) S Mellor 5-10-0 (8 ex)	M Perrett
611	0-00f44	MON'S BEAU (CD) (M Vine) D Grissell 9-10-0	R Goldstein
612	041p-00	REEDMACE (CD) (J Levy) C Read 6-10-0	J Hughes 4
614	1p-0p03	AMERICAN GIRL (D) (Mrs O Dinnage) H O'Neill 5-10-0	M Hammond 4

1983: Hattan 5-10-8 R Hughes (15-2) P Mitchell 16 ran.

8-13 Churches Green, 9-2 Great Light, 7 Mons Beau, 10 Hattan, 14 American Girl, 20 others.

Lingfield selections

2.0 Orange Reef. 2.30 Venture To Cognac. 3.0 Hardy Jack. 3.30 Straight Jocelyn. 4.0 Mossy Moore. 4.30 Churches Green.

Ludlow selections

2.15 Sheer Madness. 2.45 King's Jug. 3.15 Lewis Homes. 3.45 Benmore. 4.15 Straight Cash. 4.45 Camebelle.

American prize

Centrust, a winner for Peter Walwyn in 1982, has won a $25,000 (£17,000) race at Aqueduct on only his second appearance in the United States. Centrust made all the running under Angel Cordero and came home four lengths clear in the six-furlong event.

Mick Ryan bought the colt for 27,000 guineas at last year's Newmarket autumn sales on behalf of Pat Flavin, an American owner, and his partners.

Ryan, who trained Greene Normandy and Acadie, both good two-year-old winners, for Flavin, will be looking for more bargains at the Hialeah sales in Florida Sunday.

● Gaye Brief's owner, Shaikh Ali Abu Khamsin, is giving an additional prize for stable lads when he sponsors a race named after his brilliant, but ill-fated hurdler Deep Wealth at Chepstow on March 10. Shaikh Ali will give £250 to be divided between the stable staff of the winning trainer.

Tuesday's results

PLUMPTON

2.0 1, Light Traveller (8-1); 2, General Concorde (7-2); 3, Acadie (10-1). Great Pretender 11-4 fav. 13 ran.
2.30 1, Saunders (6-4 fav); 2, De Pluvinel (6-1); 3, Servilla (33-1). 7 ran.
3.0 1, Mister Lord (3-1); 2, Road To Mandalay (12-1); 3, Linton (25-1); 4, Navajo Brave (8-1). Dancing Sovereign 13-8 fav. 16 ran.
3.30 1, Grange Heights (20-1); 2, Shackletons Flier (5-1); 3, Brave Intention (12-1). Lloyd Ardua, Ruswick Prospect 4-1 jt-favs. 14 ran.
4.0 1, Crowning Moment (11-2); 2, Grey Mate (3-1 fav); 3, Keshill (12-1). 11 ran.
4.30 1, Lucky Knight (3-1); 2, Majuba Road (14-1); 3, Colonel Godfrey (11-4). Drum Maker 5-2 fav. 8 ran. NR: Multi Guarantee.

KELSO

1.45 1, Shumard (3-1); 2, Holly Buoy (14-1); 3, Moonlighting (8-1). 5-2 fav. 15 ran.
2.15 1, Hill's Guard (8-13 fav); 2, L O Broadway (4-1); 3, The Divider (16-1). 10 ran.
2.45 1, Straight Down (11-2); 2, Veiled City (9-2); 3, Stand Back (9-2). 7-2 fav. 15 ran. NR: Erskine Lad.
3.15 1, Earls Brig (11-8 fav); 2, Sam Wrekin (5-1); 3, Barrier Reef (9-2). 9 ran.
3.45 1, Run Leah Run (11-4); 2, Little Harry (16-1); 3, Tepylon (6-4 fav). 20 ran.
4.15 1, Gayle Warning (13-8 fav); 2, What a Coup (2-1); 3, Colonel Henry (7-2). 8 ran.
4.45 1, Emerald Watson (11-4); 2, Hand Over (1-2 Fav); 3 Fleetwood (50-1). 20 ran. NR: Green Gorse, Grey Hill.

Worcester results

Going: Good to soft

2.00 FERRY HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £1,038: 2m

WEBWOOD b f by Sagaro– Niagara Rhythm (J Webber 4 10 4) ....G McCourt (25-1) 1
Country Agent ....J Francome (5-5fav) 2
Kitty Wren ....G Jones (50-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £16.50. Places: £3.20, £1.70, £16.50. DF: £32.80. CSF: £54.23. J Webber at Banbury. 4l, 10l. Embenbi (3-1) 4th. 21 ran. NR: Nikiforos.

2.30 FORT ROYAL CHASE (Novice Handicap: £1,753:3m)

North Lane b g by Dusky Boy – Carlow Smile (G Biggrove) 7 9 7 ....J Hurst (14-1) 1
Collaline ....J Suthern (33-1) 2
Royal Norman ....M Brisbourne (9-2) 3

TOTE: Win: £18.80. Places: £1.60, £4.30, £1.10, £2.80. DF: £548.00. CSF: £346. Tricast: £2,172.20. K Bishop at Bridgewater. 2½l, 4l. Andromo 7-2 fav. Greenmore Pride (10-1) 4th. 17 ran. NR: Arctic Gipsy.

3.0 DAILY MIRROR HURDLE (Round 8: Handicap: conditional jockeys: £1,627: 2m 2f)

FITZHERBERT b g by Prince Regent – Miss Pepita (A Ford) 6-10-8 ....B Powell (25-1) 1
Nugent ....N Fearn (12-1) 2
Mollington ....M Jenkins (7-4 fav) 3

TOTE: Win: £16.70. Places: £4.20, £3.30, £1.60, £8.20. DF: £185.50. CSF: £295.09. Tricast: £737.49. L Kennard at Taunton. ¾l, 6l. Party Miss (16-1) 4th. 25 ran.

3.30 SIDBURY CHASE (Limited handicap: £2,679: 2m 4f).

OBSERVE bl g by Rheffic– Minoretta (A Gratton) 8-11-7 ....J Francome (2-5 fav) 1
Fire Drill ....P Richards (16-1) 2
Bashful Lad ....A Webber (20-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £1.10. Places: £1.10, £2.30. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.10. F Winter at Lambourn. 2½l, 2l. Mullacurry (7-2) 4th. 7 ran.

4.00 MARK FIVE CHASE (Handicap: Amateur riders: £1,822: 3m).

SCINTULLA BOY br g by Sit In The Corner– Rest In The Sun (Mrs H Houlbrooke) 9-11-7 ....Mr T Houlbrooke (6-1) 1
Knock Hill ....Mr G Mernagh (14-1) 2
Visconti ....Mr R J Beggan (11-4 fav) 3

TOTE: Win: £8.10. Places: £2.40, £2.70, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £109.80. CSF: £74.96. Tricast: £254.98. Mrs Houlbrooke at Ledbury. 2l, 6l. Herr Capitan (7-2) 4th. 14 ran.

4.30 FERRY HURDLE (Div II novices: £967: 2m) WILD CORN ro m by Cornuto– Queen's Wild (B Akerman) 6-10-11 ....Steve Knight (4-5 fav) 1
Al-Abjar ....J Burke (58-1) 2
Solitaire ....G Jones (66-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £1.90. Places: £1.10, £4.70, £6.10. DF: £95.10. CSF: £72.38. W Fisher at Bath. ¾l, 5l. Claragh Boy (20-1) 4th. 21 ran. NR: Action Belle. Placepot: £21.60.

Wetherby

Going: Chase good, Hurdles good to soft.

1.45 COWTHORPE HURDLE (Novices: £719. 2m.)

SIR ROB ch g by Gulf Pearl–Maria's Bisca (Mrs J Charlton) 5.11-0 ....C Grant (16-1) 1
Cottage Style ....R Lamb (16-1) 2
Amantiss ....C Pimlott (11-2 jt fav) 3

TOTE: Win: £18.00. Places: £5.10, £5.60, £2.30. DF: £223.30. CSF: £230.87. R Robinson at Scarborough. Nk, nk. Price of Peace (4th). Northern Interest, Cremmond Brig 11-2 jt-favs. 25 ran.

2.15 SICKLINGHALL CHASE (Novices: £1,706. 2m 4f 100yd)

GRINDERS ch g by Saragol–Tolson D'Or (Needhams Butchers) 8-8-11. P A Charlton (2-1 fav) 1
Golden Knoll ....M Perrett (3-1) 2
Hazy Glen ....M Barnes (25-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £3.60. Places: £1.80, £1.40, £7.80. DF: £3.80. CSF: £9.42. E Carter at Melton. 8l, 5l. French Lord (8-1) 4th. 14 ran.

2.50 MICKLETHWAITE HURDLE Handicap: £2,737. 3m.)

BOIS ROUGE b g by Precipice Wood–Second Redeemer (Mrs E Miles) 7-10-2 ....S Morshead (7-1) 1
Skewsby ....P A Farrell (4-1) 2
Chetal ....C Pimlott (7-2 fav) 3

TOTE: Win: £7.10. Places: £1.70, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £10.70. CSF: £36.34. Tricast: £110.87. Mrs W Sykes at Bishops Castle. 8l, ¾l. Islander (20-1) 4th. 18 ran.

3.20 ABERFORD HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £912 3m 100yd)

YOUGHAL b g by Orchadist– Mateuse Rose (J Greenall) 8-11-8 Mr J Greenhall (11-10 fav) 1
Zanlander ....M M Sowersby (8-1) 2
Solar Bee ....Mr T Reed (5-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £1.90. Places: £1.20, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £10.90. CSF: £10.88. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. 2½l, 2l. Lady Buttons (5-1) 4th. 9 ran.

3.50 EAST KESWICK CHASE (Handicap: £2,309. 2m 50yd)

AVERSUN b g by Averof – Summer Sales (Miss J Hubbard) 8-10-11 P A Charlton (4-1) 1
Jimmy Chips ....B Storey (13-2) 2
The Go-Boy ....S Morshead (4-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £4.80. Places: £2.00, £2.60. DF: £12.10. CSF: £26.14. W Haigh at Malton. Sht hd, 1½l. Dusky Duke (2-1 fav) 4th. 8 ran. Jimmy Chips finished 1st, but after a Stewards inquiry was placed 2nd.

4.25 HAREWOOD HURDLE (4-y-o: £551. 2m)

JOBROKE b c Busted – Joey (Lt-Col R Warden) 10-7 ....Mr T Easterby (3-1) 1
High Renown ....R Lamb (13-8 fav) 2
Snowy River ....T Dun (8-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £5.00. Places: £1.70, £1.20, £2.70. DF: £9.60. CSF: £8.46. M H Easterby at Great Habton. 2l, 8l. Arras Lass (33-1) 4th. 14 ran. Placepot: £338.60.

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GOLF

American tour opening is a trapdoor for unhappy Brown

By Mitchell Platts

When Ken Brown survived the punishing 180-hole examination last November to earn his United States tour players' card he had every reason to believe the door had swung open for him to tread the same lush fairways as Tom Watson and company. Yet yesterday, instead of preparing for the $400,000 (£270,000) Honda Classic which starts in Coral Springs, Florida, today, Brown was grooving his game on the Harpenden course, only a drive and a wedge away from his Hertfordshire home.

Brown's problem is that, as the twenty-first qualifier from the school, his opportunities to compete have been restricted by the number of exempted golfers entering the early tournaments. Of the seven events on the west coast which launched the 1984 tour, only the San Diego Open championship admitted more than 19 school qualifiers. Brown stayed in Los Angeles for one month, played only two competitive rounds in San Diego and returned home.

Now the tarnished dream has turned into a nightmare. Brown discovered, while inquiring about the prospect of competing in the Honda Classic, that he has drifted from twenty-first to thirty-fourth in the qualifying list. The tour has introduced a renumbering system, based on the success of qualifiers so far this season, and, of course, Brown has not won a single dollar.

Brown has been overtaken by so many players because individual sponsors are allowed to invite a certain number of golfers. "They go for local professionals or, perhaps, players who have done well in their tournaments in the past," Brown said. "I'm not well enough known to receive such chances although I did write to most of the sponsors."

What perturbs Brown more is that compatriots such as Sandy Lyle, Sam Torrance and Paul Way are receiving chances through sponsors' invitations or from one of the two foreign players' exemptions designated by Deane Beman, the United States tour commissioner. These exemptions a ranked higher in order of priority than th 50 golfers who received their cards from the school. Torrance enjoyed an extended run on the west coast and Lyle, apart from competing in the Honda event in which only 13 qualifying school players look like being admitted, has also received invitations to the Doral-Eastern Open championship, Bay Hill and USF and G events.

"I can understand the United States tour offering them invitations," Brown said. "They are all fine players and they increase the international contingent. But I am disappointed and disillusioned by the fact that I cannot get a game even though I am the one British player to have gone through

Brown insists that there is no suggestion of him being politely moved sideways. "There are a number of American golfers in a similar position to me," he said. Yet there can be little doubt that Brown's case questions the suitability of the system for a player living in Britain.

Now Brown must decide whether he is prepared to telephone the United States tour each Sunday to see if he can play in the following week's tournament or switch to the Safari circuit where he could defend the Kenya Open championship title in two weeks' time. Whatever decision he takes, Brown knows that he has already lost ground this year in terms of sharpening his game in competition. He cannot afford to remain in a golfing no man's land.

Brown: caught in a quandary but bent on success

BOXING

McGuigan's chance to move up in the world

By George Ace

Jose Caba, a Los Angeles-based boxer rated No 5 in the world, will be Barry McGuigan's next opponent at the King's Hall, Belfast, on April 4. Four months ago Caba took the world champion, Eusebio Pedroza, of Panama, the distance in a gruelling 15-round contest at St Vincent, in the Italian Alps.

For McGuigan, rated 14 in the world after his tenth round stoppage of Charm Chiteule last month, it will be his toughest contest to date.

● NEW YORK: The World Boxing Council have made Marvelous Marvin Hagler, the world middleweight champion, boxer of the year and the first welterweight title bout between Milton McCrory and Britain's Colin Jones as contest of the year (Reuter reports). Hagler successfully defended his title three times last year – against Britain's Tony Sibson, Wilford Scypion and Roberto Duran.

● LOS ANGELES: Larry Holmes, who said he would not meet Gerrie Coetzee, of South Africa, has agreed to a 15-round match with him in July with their titles at stake (Robin Gregg writes).

The South African is World Boxing Association champion while Holmes is the International Boxing Federation champion.

● Greg Steen, the promoter, is offering Tony Sibson £150,000 to defend his European middleweight title against Mark Kaylor (the Press Association reports). Kaylor has been offered £40,000 to defend his British title against Errol Christie.

ATHLETICS

Norman's team ready for conquest

By Pat Butcher

The England selectors have named what Andy Norman, the team manager, described yesterday as "the strongest ever men's team, English or British, for an indoor match" for the fixture against Poland at Cosford next Wednesday.

Adeoye Mafe, Ikem Billy, and John Herbert, three of the 10 British athletes going to the European indoor championships at Gothenberg this weekend are joined by Colin Reitz, the world championship steeplechase bronze medal winner, Lincoln Asquith, the European junior 100 metres champion, Peter Elliott, the most prolific 800 metres runner in his class in the world, and the British squad who finished third in the 4x400 metres relay at the world championships.

The Polish team includes world-class athletes such as the sprinter, Marian Woronin, the hurdler, Romauld Giegel, the pole vaulters, Tadeusz Slusarski (1976 Olympic champion) and Marius Klimczik. The calibre of competition and likely close result should fill the 4,000 seats, of which only a quarter have so far been sold.

The allegiance of tried and tested, albeit young, athletes like Reitz, Elliott, Asquith, Todd, Bennett, Phil Brown and Garry Cook to the Amateur Athletic Association (AAA), and to Norman, in particular, is evident.

The disharmony between the AAA and the British Amateur Athletic Board, who select the British team, may be the reason for the apparent unwillingness of these athletes to compete in recent matches at Cosford which should have qualified them to run for Britain in Gothenberg this weekend. At the moment, running for Britain and for England is a different matter.

While it is a joy to get good competition of the kind promised by the Poland match, and assured when England meet the United States the following Saturday, one wonders what is happening to the Report of the Working Party, commissioned by the AAA, which again calls for unification of these bodies.

Simone Jacobs has withdrawn from the British team for the European indoor championships in Gothenburg this weekend. Miss Jacobs, the 17-year-old sprinter from Reading, was one of the successes of the domestic season

ENGLAND TEAM: 60m: L Asquith, H King; 200m A Mafe, T Bennett; 400m: P Brown, G Cook; 800m: Billy, S Caldwell; Mile: P Elliott, J Buckner; 3,000m: C Reitz; D Lewis; 60m Hurdles: P Brice, M Briggs; Long Jump: J Herbert, D Johnson; High Jump: M Naylor, T Foulger; Pole Vault: K Stock, J Gutteridge; Shot: W Cole, N Tabor, 4 x 400m relay: P Brown, T Bennett, G Cook, A Bennett.

HOCKEY

Three from Knott help secure title

By Sydney Friskin

Loughborough 6
Durham 2

David Knott, scoring three goals in the first half, put Loughborough on the road to a decisive victory over Durham in the Universities' Athletic Union final at the Alexander stadium, Birmingham, yesterday. Loughborough regained the title which they had lost last year to Exeter, having won it in 1981 and 1982. But, as Loughborough Colleges, they were champions seven times between 1922 and 1972.

The newly laid artificial turf pitch was an incentive for fast open play and both sides came well into their stride, Loughborough dominating with their superior skills and stickwork. Knott opened the scoring in the 18th minute from a penalty stroke which was awarded after Clark was obstructed inside the circle.

His second goal was scored from a quick scramble after a long corner, but he was lucky to obtain the third. The Durham goalkeeper, mistakenly believing that the shot had been taken outside the circle, allowed the ball to go into goal.

Almost on the halftime whistle Durham reduced the lead through Bell who drove home a hard shot off a centre from the right by Bowling. But two quick goals early in the second half by Close, both from short corners, put Loughborough 5-1 ahead and firmly in command.

Durham's spirits were revived in the 25th minute of this period when Bell scored again from a short corner, but although they attacked vigorously towards the end it was Loughborough who scored again, Cooke running in to meet an overhead pass from Knott

LOUGHBOROUGH: A Brown; K Packer, D Taylor, D Hutchison, R Kerr, N Clark, D Knott (captain), P Boxell, P Head (sub, T Milton), P Close (sub M de Cruz), T Cooke.
DURHAM: P Dawes; N Dwane, A Chambers, J Lloyd, J Chaffer, S Bowling, A Jackson, T Jackson, C Bell, M Wall (captain), G Holbrook.
Umpires: J Nash and Bawa Singh (Midlands).

● Universities Athletic (UAU) will be without Jon Potter, their England international, for the British Universities Sports Federation tournament at Cambridge from March 27 to 29, as he is not available. To prepare for this event, the UAU will play a match against a Midlands XI at Birmingham on March 7 and another against Combined Services at Bisham Abbey on March 14.

BADMINTON

All-England expects

By Richard Eaton

Helen Troke, who produced arguably the finest performance of her career when she nearly won the first game from Li Lingwei in the semi-final round of the world championships in Copenhagen, is likely to meet the world champion again in the Yonex All-England championships at Wembley from May 21 to 25.

Miss Troke, still a teenager but already Commonwealth champion and the leading player in Europe, is seeded fifth in the women's singles. Yesterday's draw put her in the top section along with her Chinese rival, who is made top seed in preference to her compatriot Zhang Ailing, the winner of the title for the last two years.

England's best hopes of success, therefore, are as usual in the doubles events, in which Gillian Gilks and Martin Dew are seeded to win back the title they won two years ago. Mrs Gilks, a former winner of the women's doubles as well, is seeded third in this with Karen Beckman, while Dew is third with Mike Tredgett.

FIRST ROUND DRAW (seeds only). Men's singles (seeds first) M Frost (Den) v E Kurniawan (Indonesia); Luan Jin (China) v S Fledberg (Den); Liem Swie King (Indonesia) v D Hall (Eng); Han Jian (China) v G Asquith (Eng); Yang Yang (China) v qualifier; I Sugiarto (Indonesia) v S Matsuura (Jap); P Padukone (Ind) v S Baddeley (Eng); H Arbi (Indonesia) v qualifier. Women's singles: Zhang Ailing (China) v F Elliot (Eng); Kian Ping (China) v S Ejlersen (Den); Yun Ja Kim (S Kor) v Y Kusmiati (Indonesia); Ivana Lie (Indonesia) v qualifier; Second round (seeds): Li Lingwei (China) v L Cloutier (Can); H Troke (Eng) v A Juul (Den); K Larsen (Den) v Yoon Sook Kim (S Kor); Han Aiping (China) v M Herlim (Indonesia).

MOTOR RACING

No driving place for Watson

Paris (Reuter) – The experienced John Watson, of Britain, has failed to find a place in the list for this season's Formula One world championship grand prix series announced by the International Motor Sport Federation (FISA).

Watson, equal sixth in last year's championship, made history at Long Beach last march when be roared through the field to victory from twenty-second place on the starting grid.

But McLaren's drivers this season are Alain Prost, second overall in a Renault last year to Nelson Piquet, of Brazil, and the Austrian former world champion, Niki Lauda.

Brabham-BMW, one of the last teams to announce their line-up, have picked the Italian, Teo Fabli, as No. 2 to Piquet.

The one unfilled slot is in the Tyrrell-Ford team, whose only declared driver is Martin Brundle, of Britain. Tyrrell must announce the second by March 11.

TEAMS: Brabham: N Piquet (Br), T Fabi (It). Tyrrell: M Brundle (GB); Williams: K Rosberg (Fin), J Laffite (Fr); McLaren: A Prost (Fr), N Lauda (Austria); RAM: P Alliot (Fr), J Palmer (GB); Lotus: E de Angelis (It), N Mansell (GB); Arrows: M Surer (Switz), T Boutsen (Bel); Toleman: A Senna (Br), J Cecotto (Ven); Spirit: M Baldi (It); Alfa Romeo: R Patrese (It), E Cheever (US); Osella: P Ghinzani (It); Ligier: A de Cesaris (It), F Hesnault (Fr); Ferrari: M Alboreto (It), R Arnoux (Fr).



Watson: carless

IN BRIEF

Another heavy loss reported by Sussex

Sussex county cricket club have reported a heavy financial loss for the second successive year. The chairman, Dr David Rice, said: "We have to fight to survive and are doing everything possible to cut costs and boost income."

The last financial year showed a loss of £27,524 and £28,583 was lost in the previous year, while gate receipts were £6,390 down. The coach, Stewart Storey, said: "I am dismayed at the poor support for one of the best Sussex sides we have had for many years".

In an effort to attract larger crowds, Sussex are to introduce family tickets at cheaper rates, while at the Hove county ground, 600 comfortable seats have been placed on the terracing.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Sunday's surprise win by the second division club, York, against first division Wakefield Trinity, in the second round of the Challenge Cup, had resulted in the resignation of Derek Turner, the Trinity coach. Previously he played for Oldham, Hull and Trinity, and was a Great Britain international. He took over as coach at Belle Bue during the close season, when Ray Batten resigned, but has been unable to stop Trinity's slide towards relegation.

SPEEDWAY: International events will be staged at Bradford Northern Rugby League Club over the next six years, provided the track passes a final inspection in September.

SKIING: The 1982 World Cup downhill winner, Steve Podborski, of Canada, announced in Toronto on Monday that he would retire from international competition after the World Cup race at Whistler Mountain, British Coumbia, on March 11.

TENNIS: The Wightman Cup women's competition, between the United States and Great Britain, will return to the campus of the College of William Mary, in Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1985.

BASKETBALL: Sandwell, the new National League second division champions, will play at Telford next season.

ICE HOCKEY

Wembley is venue again

By Robert Pryce

After a 10-year absence, ice hockey will return to the Wembley Arena. The British championship finals, sponsored by Heineken, will be held there on the weekend of May 5-6.

Heineken secured the arena rent-free, thanks to their £60,000 investment in new equipment. The sponsors are supplying new barriers, new screens, new goals, scoreboards and an ice machine for the games, which will involve the top four teams of the British League premier division. They claim their total investment in British ice hockey for this season will now be over £150,000.

Ice hockey was a regular and popular event at Wembley from the opening of the arena 50 years ago until the demise of the Wembley Lions in 1968. The London Lions, a team affiliated to the Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League, played a season of games against top European opposition in 1973-74 but did not return when plans to form a European League fell through. Because of the other demands on the facility, their schedule of home games was compressed into two months and their loss for the season totalled £100,000.

Since then the domestic game has attracted growing public interest. The average attendance for games in the top two divisions of the British League, which is also sponsored by Heineken, is more than 1,000 and ITV plan to cover all three games of the British championship weekend.

Premier division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee Rockets	25	20	1	4	244	138	41
Durham Wasps	26	19	1	6	225	175	39
Streat'm Redskins	24	14	2	8	154	138	30
Ayr Bruins	21	12	2	7	139	124	26
Murrayfield Racers	23	11	2	10	145	127	24
Notts Panthers	26	8	2	16	159	212	18
Fife Flyers	25	7	2	16	167	166	16
Whitley Warriors	22	6	1	15	148	218	13
Clevel'nd Bombers	24	4	1	19	129	219	9

DIVING

Hoping to make an impression

Alison Childs, the 21 year-old Southend diver, continues her search for Olympic games consideration in the Spring Swallows meet in Moscow, from March 8-11. Also representing Britain will be Carolyn Roscoe (Luton), Lindsey Fraser (Watford), and Robert Morgan (Cardiff).

Chris Snode and Nigel Stanton, both at college in America, have already gained Olympic consideration performances in the springboard, and Snode, winner of a bronze medal at last year's European championships, has also achieved a highboard consideration.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Birmingham City v Leicester City (2.0); Brighton and Hove Albion v Crystal Palace (7.15).
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Second round: Hitchin v Sutton United.
UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Loughborough v Kent (at West Bromwich Albion FC).

OTHER SPORT
HOCKEY: Representative match: Civil Service v Army (at Chiswick, 2.30).
BADMINTON: Middlesex championships (at the Orion Hall, Stamford Hill, 5.0).
SNOOKER: Yamaha International (at the Assembly Rooms, Derby, 2.0 and 7.0).
BASKETBALL: National League: Second division: Camden v Brunel Ducks (at Uxbridge 8.0).

Law Report March 1 1984

Dispute on date of starting work

Salvation Army v Dewsbury

Before Mr Justice Nolan, Mr J. D. Anderson and Mr S. Springer

[Judgment delivered February 27]

A school teacher who had been offered a full-time teaching post "commencing on May 1, 1982", a Saturday, but who did not actually start teaching until Tuesday May 4 because of a Bank Holiday, was to be taken as having started work on May 1 for the purposes of the new section 151 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978, as substituted by paragraph 7 of Schedule 2 to the Employment Act 1982.

The industrial tribunal had correctly found that the teacher, who was dismissed on April 30, 1983, had completed the necessary period of one year's continuous employment for the purposes of bringing a complaint of unfair dismissal.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal dismissed an appeal by the General of the Salvation Army from a decision of an industrial tribunal sitting at Leeds on November 28, 1983 that they had jurisdiction to hear a complaint by Mrs P. E. Dewsbury that she had been unfairly dismissed.

The appeal was on the ground that the words "starts work" in section 15(3) meant the day on which work began and not the day she was due to begin work according to her contract.

Section 15(3), as amended, provides: "Subject to the following provisions of this section, an employee's period of continuous employment for the purposes of any provision of this Act begins with the day on which he starts work and ends with the day by reference to which the length of his period of continuous employment falls to be ascertained for the purposes of the provision in question".

As Michael Supperstone for the Salvation Army; Mr James Goudie for Mrs Dewsbury.

MR JUSTICE NOLAN said that there was no dispute that the employee was employed under a contract of employment from May 1, 1982 until April 30, 1983, inclusive.

The employer relied on the ordinary literal meaning of the phrase "starts work" in section 151 (3) which he submitted referred to the first undertaking of duties. He submitted that the literal meaning of the phrase gave effect to the purpose underlying the enactment of the new section.

The employer rightly pointed out that section 151 (3) itself contained an apparent contrast between "the day on which he starts work", marking the beginning of the period of continuous employment and "the day by reference to which the length of his period of continuous employment falls to be ascertained", which marked the end of that period.

He contended that that was a further indication that the legislature had made a deliberate choice of the start of work rather than the commencement of the relevant employment. He relied on a passage in *Harvey on Industrial Relations and Employment Law* (division 1, paragraph 410) which described the continuous period as beginning on the day when the employee "actually" started work.

The employee relied on the wording in other parts of the statute. The draftsman had used "work" as a synomyn for "employment".

Parliament had provided for weekends and Bank Holidays to be ignored after the employment had begun: see paragraph 9 of Schedule 13 to the 1978 Act. It was unlikely that Parliament should provide for weekends and Bank Holidays to delay the commencement of continuous employment.

It was argued further that to construe section 151 (3) in the way urged by the employers would produce an exception to the general scheme of the legislation which went beyond the purposes set out in section 20(1) of the 1982 Act which provided for the change in the basis of computation of a period of employment. The employee cited the example of teachers who frequently undertook preparatory work before the term began.

The appeal tribunal concluded that the phrase "starts work" in section 151 (3) was not intended to refer to the undertaking of the full duties of the employment but to the beginning of the employer's employment under the relevant contract of employment.

The industrial tribunal were correct in holding that the employee had completed the minimum qualifying period of one year's employment and the appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Slaughter & May; Mr H. Pierce.

In *Bremar Holdings Ltd v de Roth* (*The Times* February 28) the solicitor for the plaintiffs was Miss Judith M. Long and not D. J. Freeman & Co.

Judge's corroboration duty

Regina v Cullinane (Stephen)

The time had come to state that it was the duty of a judge, whenever a corroboration direction was required in a criminal trial, to assist the jury by indicating the evidence which they were entitled to treat as corroboration.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Griffiths, Mr Justice Stocker and Sir John Thompson) so said, dismissing an appeal against conviction on February 24.

LORD JUSTICE GRIFFITHS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the judge's summing up was deficient because the judge had failed to identify evidence which might corroborate the evidence of accomplices implicating the defendant.

However, the case against the defendant was so overwhelming having regard to all the evidence, that there had been no miscarriage of justice and it was right in the circumstances to apply the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968.

European Law Report — Court of Justice of the EC

Commission decision on Ford ban is void

Ford of Europe Inc and Ford-Werke AG, supported by James A. Laidlaw (Holdings) Ltd and Stormont Ltd v Commission, supported by European Office of Consumer Unions

Joined Cases 228 and 229/82

Before: Judge J. Mertens de Wilmars, President, and Judges T. Koopmans, K. Bahlmann, Y. Galmot, P. Pescatore, Lord Mackenzie Stuart, G. Bosco, O. Due and U. Everling

Advocate General: Sir Gordon Slynn -.

[Judgment delivered February 28]

Ford of Europe and Ford AG were subsidiaries of the Ford Motor Company. The first was a company incorporated in the USA which coordinated the activities of the Ford group in Europe. The second was a company incorporated in Germany which manufactured and sold Ford vehicles in Germany and exported them to other member states.

A large proportion of its production was sold to a company called Ford Britain for marketing in the United Kingdom. Ford AG manufactured both right-hand drive (RHD) and left-hand drive cars.

Ford AG set up a selective distribution system in Germany based on a main dealer agreement which was notified to the Commission in 1976. At the material time the Commission had not yet taken a formal decision but it was common ground that the agreement was similar to others in the motor car industry which had been exempted from prohibition under article 85(3) of the EEC Treaty.

Until May 1, 1982, Ford AG had supplied RHD cars, some to German, others to British specifications, to its German dealers. From spring 1981 demand for RHD cars on the German market increased because prices were lower than on the British market and a growing number of British customers were buying cars from German dealers.

Concerned by the effect of that on Ford Britain and its distributors, Ford AG sent a circular to its dealers in April 1982 saying that, as from May 1, it would no longer accept orders for RHD cars: henceforth they would have to be bought from Ford dealers in Britain or a subsidiary of Ford Britain.

The Commission began an investigation under article 6(1) of regulation No 17 and, in the statement of objections served on Ford AG, indicated that, in its view, Ford AG's distribution system was contrary to article 85(1) and could not be exempted under article 85(3).

The Commission also adopted an interim decision requiring Ford AG to withdraw the circular and inform its dealers that RHD cars were still part of the delivery programme: all other measures having the same effect as the circular were prohibited and a periodic penalty was imposed for each day of delay in compliance.

That decision was to apply pending the adoption of a decision concluding the proceedings. Ford of Europe and Ford AG applied for the annulment of the interim decision.

In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Communities held as follows:

Although addressed to Ford AG, the decision did concern Ford of Europe directly and individually because the problems which would arise if the German distribution network supplied RHD cars directly to British consumers would come within the province of Ford of Europe's activities as coordinator of the Ford group.

Article 3(1) of regulation No 17 empowered the Commission to require undertakings to bring to an end any infringement of articles 85 or 86 of the Treaty. Its power to adopt interim measures was limited to the protective measures which appeared indispensible in order to prevent the exercise of the power to make decisions given by article 3 from becoming ineffectual or even illusory because of the action of undertakings. Interim measures therefore had to come within the framework of the final decision which might be adopted under article 3.

The main proceedings related to the dealer agreement. Only in relation to that agreement was the Commission in a position to find that there was an infringement of article 85(1). The final decision which might be adopted under article 3 (1) was that which required Ford AG to bring the operation of that agreement to an end.

The interim decision did not relate to that agreement but only to Ford AG's refusal to supply RHD cars to German dealers. According to the Commission, that refusal did not infringe articles 85 or 86.

The measures ordered by the interim decision did not therefore come within the framework of a final decision which might be adopted, nor could the interim decision be interpreted as allowing Ford AG to maintain its refusal to supply on condition that it ceased to operate the dealer agreement.

Even on the assumption that, when adopting a decision under article 85(3), the Commission might regard the refusal to supply as preventing an exemption from being granted in respect of the dealer agreement or might subject the grant or continuation of exemption to the requirement that supplies be resumed, it would still have no authority to convert that requirement, by means of a decision ordering interim measures, into a separate, enforceable order which left no choice to the undertaking concerned.

Although, by adopting the decision, the Commission exceeded its powers, it was not deprived of all possibility of reacting to the circular immediately and in such a way as to influence Ford AG's conduct.

The Commission could, under article 15(6) of regulation No 17, reserve the possibility of imposing a fine in respect of the continued application of a notified agreement if it informed the undertakings concerned that, after preliminary examination, it thought that article 85(1) applied and that application of article 85(3) was not justified.

For those reasons the court declared that the interim decision was void.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Competition Act 1980
Notice under Section 3 (2) (b)
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The Director General of Fair Trading proposes to carry out two investigations under section 3 of the Competition Act 1980 to establish whether the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and Independent Television Publications Limited (ITP) respectively have been pursuing courses of conduct which amount to anti-competitive practices.

The matters to be investigated are:

(a) The arrangements of the BBC and the arrangements of ITP for permitting other persons to publish BBC and IBA programme schedules respectively in whole or in part including in particular the extent to which and the terms and conditions on which the BBC and ITP permit such publication; and

(b) whether in carrying out such arrangements, or any of them, the BBC and ITP respectively are pursuing courses of conduct which have or are intended to have or are likely to have the effect of restricting, distorting or preventing competition in connection with the production, supply or acquisition of the goods to which the respective investigations relate.

The persons concerned in the investigations are respectively the BBC and ITP.

The goods to which the investigations relate are, in the case of the BBC, publications containing BBC programmes schedules in whole or in part and, in the case of ITP, publications containing IBA programme schedules in whole or in part.

For the purposes of this notice:

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If you have information which you consider would help the Director General, please write to:

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PASTORAL MEASURE 1983
The Church Commissioners have prepared a DRAFT REDUNDANCY SCHEME providing for the appropriation of the redundant church of Haggerston Saint Columba to religious use by the Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel) UK (London diocese).
Copies of the draft scheme may be obtained from the Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank, London SW1P 3JZ, to whom any representations should be sent within 28 days of the publication of this notice.

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Property Buyers' Guide

Residential property/Christopher Warman

Stately homes with swimming pools

There is a definite feeling of anticipation in the air for the warmth of summer. It may have been aroused by holiday advertisements, but certainly one of the causes is the number of houses with swimming pools that are coming on to the market.

There are still not very many houses with pools, even in the South of England compared with the number in parts of the United States, here a swimming pool is considered as necessary as a bath, but there does seem to be a concentration in what used to be known as "stockroker belt" Surrey, which is more accurately described as "money-belt" Surrey.

At Weybridge, in the centre of this area, Mann and Co, the largest independent house agents in the United Kingdom, have the headquarters of their country house department. This deals mainly with properties prices between £100.000 and £300,000, and it takes in the exclusive St George's Hill estate, home of Cliff Richard, Eric Sykes and many other public figures, where every other house has a pool.

Simon Masters, director of the department, says that though homes with pools are very much in the minority, there has been a substantial increase in the past 10 years.

"You find that most house with pools start at £200.000 or £250,000. There are not many below £200,00 and very few below £100.000. At the lower range what pools there are will be outdoors."

Whereas an indoor pool is likely to cost £25,000 upwards to build, an outdoor one can be provided for less than £10,000. The advantages and disadvantges are obvious – and outdoor pool is splendid in a hot summer but cannot be used for many months of the year, and it needs a great deal of attention to keep clean and prevent it from turning into a mere pond. An inside pool can rarely be so large, but is available thoughout the year.

Mr Masters believes that although a swimming pool will obviously add value to a property, it is not the highest priority for any house buyer.

"If you sold your house, you could not expect to get back the cost of building a swimming pool on the asking price, but it is worth something. It is partly a seasonal factor. If you are selling in a hot June it will help to have a pool, and it might be a deciding factor in some cases. But when we sell a house, it is just one of the factors."

Having said that, however, the possession of a pool is at least an important factor with several of Mann and Co's properties. At Burwood Park, Walton-on-Thames, they are asking £235,000 for a five-bedroom house with a self-contained annex which has an indoor pool, 46ft by 24ft, at the back, facing south-west and looking on to the garden. It is made of concrete, with mosaic fringe, and has a gallery above, double-glazed patio doors that slide open to make it virtually an outdoor one. It has a special ICI cleansing formula which, unlike chlorine, enables plants to survive and therefore permits the planting of an indoor garden.

By contrast Mann's are offering a large, semi-detached family house in Shottfield Avenue, East Sheen, London SW14 for £155,000. The difference between town and country, and the land available, is shown by the fact that this house has a pine log cabin attached to the back, with a leisure/jacuzzi pool of about 12 foot in diamter. It is not quite a swimming pool, but as much as most London properties could offer.

Lassmans, who specialize in up-market property in the capital, say that a house in Avenue Road, London NW8 is St John's Wood's most expensive house. They are asking £2m for the property, which has about 72 years' unexpired lease. The house, just one mile from the West End, is approached through a pair of wrought iron gates to a private courtyard. It has a marbled reception hall and marble drawing room, along with copious accommodation including five principal bedroom suites, one of which has a jacuzzi bath. In its half-acre garden, there is a swimming pool inset in a large paved terrace.

Mann's may have to offer two houses to cover both jacuzzi and swimming pool, but they have other properties with pools too. On the St George's Hill estate, Weybridge, they are offering for £295,000 a contemporary home set in 1¼ acres of grounds, a short walk from the St George's Hill golf club house. It has five bedrooms, including a master suite, an au pair suite, a sauna room, and an outdoor swimming pool, fully filtered and heated, and with underwater lighting.

Away from Weybridge, Mann's are offering £325,000 for Farm Place, Ockley, Surrey, a Grade II listed brick building with oak timbers and panelling, dated from the sixteenth century and with later additions. The house has three bedroom suites and six more bedrooms, about 10 acres of grounds including lakes, paddocks and tennis court, and a heated outdoor swimming pool, 41ft by 20ft with changing rooms and sauna.

At Lustleigh, near Bovey Tracey, Devon, Fox and Sons of Exeter, are offering Knowle House, a residential and sporting estate of about 27 acres and fine Grade II listed house probably dating from the time of Queen Anne, if not a little earlier.

The property will be auctioned, on May 11 if not sold as private treaty before then, and the firm are expecting bids of £200,000-£220,000. There has already been a good deal of interest in Knowle House. The gardens include a swimming pool, about 30ft by 15ft, with a filtration plant. There are all fishing rights to both banks of the River Wray.

At a lower end of the range, Humberts, of Lewes, Sussex, are asking £115,000 for Pound House, Framfield, near Uckfield, a thatched house looking over the South Downs, listed Grade II, and dating to the fifteenth century or earlier.



An old rectory makes a splash

The Old Rectory, Walton on the Hill, Surrey, an early nineteenth-century brick-built house with a pitched slate roof, is being offered for sale at £300,000 through Hampton and Sons, the London estate agents. The fifteenth-century church of St Peter is connected to the property by a private gateway from the rectory's two-acre garden, which has a heated swimming pool. There is a main bedroom suite and four further bedrooms, and the accommodation includes a games room on the second floor which could be used as a sixth bedroom.

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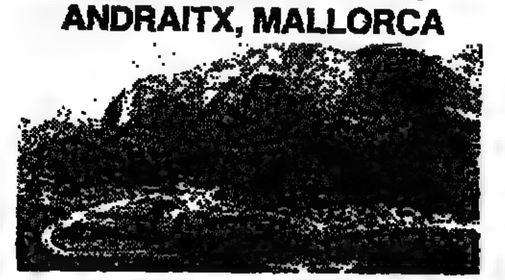
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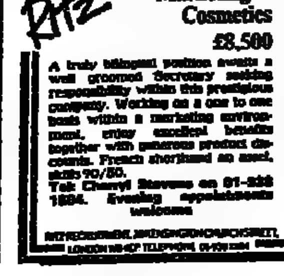
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General Appointments

The Times guide to career development

Papua New Guinea for beginners

Godfrey Golzen outlines the opportunities in a country that still welcomes the expatriate

Employment prospects for expatriates are not quite what they were in the 1970s job boom, but one country where opportunities occur consistently though modestly is Papua New Guinea. The government of that country has placed a surprising number and range of job advertisements for skilled people such as engineers, economists, accountants, computer personnel, architects and secondary-level teachers.

What appears on the map to be a remote group of islands just above Australia is a Commonwealth country twice the size of the United Kingdom. Though its population is only 3 million it is one of the economic success stories of the last decade. The probable reason is that Papua New Guinea's progress has not been highly publicized. Its government has not embarked on the sort of prestige projects that attract more headlines than prosperity, but has merely gone on quietly developing, with the help of British, Australian and Japanese companies, its immense natural resources.

What the country does lack is the technical expertise to develop secondary industries. Seventy per cent of the population is rural and seems in no hurry to rush into PNG's few towns. Port Moresby, the capital, has a population of only 120,000, of which *8 per cent are expatriates.*

Most of the jobs advertised in British publications are in the public sector. Mostly, conditions of employment are standard. There is usually a three-year contract, with a period of home leave in the middle. Salaries are not high by expatriate standards: a person in their thirties could expect to earn £15,000 a year. On the other hand, pay is index-linked and subject to a sizable end-of-contract gratuity that increases its value. Nominally, the New Guinea Kina (0.77 to the pound) is subject to exchange control, but there are no problems about getting money out.

There are the usual expatriate fringe benefits – a subsidy for educating children back in the UK, a settling-in allowance and, above all, free accommodation. The notional value of that is, however, subject to income tax, about 30 per cent.

One criticism that expatriates have made of PNG is that the free accommodation is only sparsely furnished and the settling-in allowance often delayed. The advice therefore is to take immediate essentials like cutlery, and some bed linen, with you and to have goods such as electrical and sports equipment shipped out to follow. The ingenious suggestion has been made that they be packed in a second-hand freezer cabinet – a freezer being desirable equipment in a country where the temperature stays between 24°C and 31°C.

If, however, you depend on imported frozen foods you are likely to find PNG about 20m per cent dearer than the UK. Tropical fruits and local produce, of course, are cheap and delicious. As in so many other locations in developing countries, the extent to which you adapt is likely to determine both your personal happiness while you are there and the state of your purse at the end of the contract.

NEWSROUND

A British family of four, with a single income of £12,000 a year, spend an average of £4,500 in the UK on a shopping basket of essential items covering food, drink and tobacco, household durables, service, clothing and motoring. The same family would spend £5,800 in the US to maintain their UK pattern of consumption on these items. By comparison, however, a US national would be paid £27,000 in America for an equivalent job.

This is one of the findings in the survey of worldwide living costs published last month by Employment Conditions Abroad Ltd. Comparing day-to-day living costs in more than 140 countries, it indicates that the expatriate family tends to shop less price-effectively than its national counterpart, which offsets some of the potential savings in moving from a high-cost to a relatively low-cost country. The most expensive country for the British expatriate is Nigeria – two and a half times as expensive as the UK, and the cheapest is Venezuela, only three-quarters as expensive as Britain.

● *Simon Walsh writes:* The problems faced by former businessmen in claiming social-security benefits have been worsened by cutbacks in DHSS manning levels, claims Phil Yewdall, Assistant Secretary (DHSS Section), The Civil and Public Servants Association.

At a conference organized by CPSA and the Society of Civil Servants last month to protest against the cuts, he said: "A problem has been with the number of businesses that fail, and thus the increasing number of businessmen claiming social security benefits. These cases are considerably more complex and take up more time, but the calculations for allocating staff time do not take this into account.

"Recently they started to train people to deal specifically with business cases. One hopes that this will ultimately help them to work more efficiently, but while they are in training there will be increasing pres sures at DHSS offices simply because there is not enough staff."

● A book published last month highlights the important role that retired executives may be able to play within the voluntary sector. *Work After Work*, by freelance journalist Judy Kirby, is published by Quiller Press on behalf of REACH (Retired Executives Clearing-House), the national charity which helps match retired professionals and managers with voluntary jobs. The nine chapters include information on the charities which *regularly recruit* professional voluntary help, the kind of work involved, other ways of earning an income after retirement, and details of professional voluntary work abroad.

It also contains case studies of the many executives who have used professional voluntary work as a means of keeping themselves usefully occupied, including a selection from the growing number of executives forced by the recession to face early retirement or redundancy. *Work After Work* costs £2.95.

● *Tony Williamson writes:* You would think that food and drink were indispensible to life in this, or any other country, but this is not entirely reflected in the employment prospects in these sectors for the first quarter of this year.

Business has been bad in many areas of food and drink production over the last few years, and, while a slight improvement has been announced in the latest Manpower Ltd employment survey, the industries are still relatively depressed, compared to other sectors.

More employers questioned in the survey were planning to expand their workforces than at this time last year – 10 per cent as opposed to 8 per cent in 1983. This figure is 5 per cent down on the previous quarter, but them, the early part of the New Year is never a good time to start talking about job prospects.

Ir seems, however, that a degree of stability is at last beginning to creep into the food and drink industries. The number of employers expecting to have to make staff cuts in the New Year has dropped from 26 per cent in 1983 to 22 per cent forecast for this quarter. The report detects a "gradual but distinct upward trend" in the sector's labour demand. The calculation is bases on the balance between those employers who are forecasting staff increases and those expecting staff losses. The balance is looking better than it did at this time last year, and the food and drink industries need all the encouragement they can get at this time.

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6.30 Breakfast Time: with Selina Scott and Frank Bough. Today's special items include the medical item and the food and cookery spot (both of them between 8.30 and 9.00). Regular items include news (6.30, then half-hourly until 8.30), sport (6.40 and 7.40), regional news (6.45, then half-hourly until 8.15): TV preview (6.55), Morning papers (7.18 and 8.18).

9.00 The Best of Collecting Now: Corkscrew addicts; furniture auction pitfalls; and earthware drainers; 9.20 Pages from Ceefax; 10.30 Play School; 10.55 Pages from Ceefax.

12.05 *Open University: Maths* (Cockcroft Report).

12.20 News After Noon; 12.57 Financial Report. And subtitled news headlines.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One: chat and music from the foyer-studio; 1.45 King Rollo: 1.50 Bric-a-Brac: two programmes for the toddlers.

2.00 The Afternoon Show: On today's agenda: how a Belfast hospital diagnoses hip *problems with a computer;* also the facts about incest, and a quiz about stress. The musical guest: Mary O'Hara; 2.40 Dynasty: Final episode. Surprise witnesses at the *Blake Carrington murder trial* (r).

3.25 Arthur Negus Enjoys: The treasures of Badminton, home of great equestrian events; 3.50 Magic Roundabout; 3.55 Play School: It's Thursday; 4.20 Laurel and Hardy: alas, only a cartoon; 4.25 Jackanory: Pippa Guard reads from Susan Coolidge's What Katy Did; 4.40 Fonz and the Happy Days Gang: cartoon; 5.05 John Craven's Newsround; 5.10 Blue Peter: St David's Day celebrations with the Royal Regiment of Wales. Among those on parade: Sospan the goat.

5.40 Sixty Minutes: The line-up is: 5.40 News: 5.54 weather; 5.55 regional magazines; 6.38 closing headlines.

6.40 Doctor Who: Episode three of Planet of Fire. With Peter Davison.

7.05 Tomorrow's World: science and technology for Everyman – and his family.

7.30 Top of the Pops: with John Peel and David Jensen. Transmitted live.

8.05 The Living Planet: The Sky Above. Four miles above the Earth's surface in a high altitude balloon, David Attenborough finds some tiny animals, and finds out how weather is generated. He also explains how, without the force of gravity, it would be a vastly different world we should have to live in.

9.00 News: the reader is John Humphrys. And weather for Friday.

9.25 Diana: Episode eight of the R. F. Delderfield love story (two more episodes to come). With Kevin McNally as Jan (a shock waits for him when he returns to France) and Jenny Seagrove in the title role.

10.20 Question Time: Sir Robin Day's guests are Ann Burdus, a businesswoman; Simon Hughes, Liberal MP for Southwark and Bermondsey; Eric Heffer, the Labour MP for Walton; and Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

11.20 Letting Go: Final film in this series for teenagers and their parents. Tonight: family disagreements over friends and fashions.

11.45 News headlines. Ends at 11.50.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain: with Nick Owen and Anne Diamond. Today's Thursday specials include guest of the day Christopher Timothy (7.40). Family Business (Bob Champion) at 8.10; films with Paul Gambaccini (8.35), the Stub-it-Out anti-smoking campaign, with Christopher Timothy and health minister Kenneth Clarke (8.40 and the TV-am cook (9.03). Regular items include news at 6.30 and then half-hourly until 9.00, sport (6.35, 7.35) and John Stapleton's Spotlight (7.20).

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9.25 Thames news headlines; 9.30 For Schools; 9.30 Crisps; 9.42 Starting Science; 9.59 1 . . 2 . . 3 . . Go!; 10.11 Alive and Kicking; 10.28 The work of a local councillor; 10.50 Breathing; 11.08 Basil Brush; 11.22 The manufacture of crockery; 11.39 The German Programme.

12.00 Emma and Grandpa: repeated at 4.00; 12.10 Get up and Go! with Beryl Reid (r); 12.30 The Sullivans: Australian family drama serial.

1.00 News from ITN; 1.20 Thames *area news;* 1.30 A Plus: A studio discussion which follows up an item a few weeks ago about health hazards in the nation's eating habits.

2.00 Crown Court: The jury's decision in the case of the schoolboy (Mike Donelan) accused of setting fire to his school.

2.30 Snooker: The fourth day's play in the Yamaha Keyboards International Masters, from the Assembly Rooms in Derby. Further coverage tonight at 10.30.

3.30 Sons and Daughters: Australian drama serial (contd).

4.00 Children's ITV: with Roland Rat. Emma and Grandpa (r); 4.15 Batfink: cartoon; 4.20 Madabout: The guest in today's edition, which is devoted to conservation, is Sarah Kennedy, who talks about efforts to save the whale.

4.45 The Book Tower: Another five books are discused by Alun Armstrong. They include Beowulf, and a story about a boy who arrives by post: 5.15 The Young Doctors: Australian medical world serial (contd).

5.45 News; 6.00 Thames area news; 6.30 Thames Sport: with Steve Rider and Simon Reed.

7.00 Knight Rider: A rash of burglaries in a small resort town that has become a weekend playground for drag racing.

8.00 Carry on Laughing: Highlights from many of the Carry On comedies.

8.30 Hotel: A financially troubled man tries to swindle the St Gregory hotel, and a girl of 14 celebrates her birthday at the hotel, hoping to reunite her divorced parents. With James Brolin and Anne Baxter.

9.30 TV Eye: Liverpool's militant-led Labour council, and its collision with the Conservative Government. A Denis Tuohy report.

10.00 News at Ten. Followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 Snooker: Further coverage of the third day's play in the Yamaha Keyboards International Masters, being played at the Assembly Rooms in Derby. The coverage resumes tomorrow at 2.30 pm.

12.15 Night Thoughts: with the Rev Allan G Scott, Rector of St Mary's Church, Stoke Newington. Followed by Closedown.

Gravity-free David Attenborough (BBC 1, 8.05 pm)

CHOICE

● EDUCATING MICHAEL (BBC 2, 9.30pm), tonight's Forty Minutes documentary, is a cool, even-tempered projection of a heated educational issue: the Assisted Places Scheme under which, using the taxpayer's money, some bright children from poor families are allowed to opt out of the state system and go to public schools. The arguments against APS are, perhaps, too well known to need *repeating here, and they are not* laboured in Harry Weisbloom's film, except for a few sonorous quotes such as "the pupils are guinea pigs in some form of social engineering" and "it's like trying to deal with a famine by paying a few children to have lunch at the Ritz." *Educating Michael* in not, however, just about Michael (eleven, a shipyard worker's son, and in his first year at St Bees, which nestles in the soft folds of rural Cumbria). It is also about educating Kathleen and Susannah, another two first-termers. Clearly, Mr Weisbloom does not see them as old heads on young shoulders because he allows them, unchallenged, to commit such thoughts to the soundtrack as "I'd be getting a terrible education if *there wasn't this scheme",* and "I always wanted to go to this kind of school since reading *Goodbye Mr Chips* and Enid Blyton and other public school books." St Bees itself comes over as a busy, caring and disciplined (the use of the cane is decreasing) establishment where some sexual roles are reversed, the boys preparing chocolatey "afters" in the school kitchen, and the girls undergoing a mountaineering course up the school tower.

● Two well-above-average radio offerings today: Robert Ferguson's two-hander THE SMELL OF THE SEAWEED, THE ROAR OF THE FISH (Radio 3, 7.45pm) is a sea-shore conversation piece between a 10-year-old girl with all the sceptical assurance of someone three times her age and a man with all the let's-pretend abandon of someone a third his age. Mr Ferguson subtly suggests the tenuous nature of relationships that are sustained mainly by illusion . . . Sandra Clayton's play DIARY OF A SUBURBAN HOUSEWIFE (Radio 4, 3.00) is a genuinely funny, genuinely perceptive, account of the self-emancipation of a domestic drudge. There is a twist in the tail that will surprise everybody except the dwindling minority that still believes that women make the best cooks.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University (until 8.10. 9.00 Pages from Ceefax; 9.15 Daytime on Two (until 3.00). The line-up is: 9.15 Encounter: Germany; 9.33 Treffpunkt: Deutschland; 9.52 Talkabout; 10.12 Science Workshop; 10.34 Scene in New York; 11.05 Maths-in-a-Box; 11.30 Archaeological mysteries; 11.55 Play Tennis; 12.20 *Inside Women's Magazines;* 12.45 Write Away.

1.10 A Good Job with Prospects (agricultural college); 1.38 Around Scotland; 2.00 You and Me; 2.15 Music Time; 2.40 Walrus; 3.00 More pages from Ceefax.

5.10 Handicapped in the Community: The cerebral palsy victim who none the less graduated in psychology.

5.35 News summary. And weather.

5.40 *The Adventure Game:* Earthlings versus the folk from planet Arg. Representing Earth: Neil Adams, Nigel Crockett and Janet Fielding.

6.20 Schools Prom: Entertainment from (among others) Penweddig School Choir; Guildhall School of Music; and North Yorkshire EASY Band. Presented by Antony Hopkins.

7.00 Australian Cinema: Manganinnie (1980) Drama, set in Tasmania of the 1830s starring Mawuyul Yathalawuy as the sole survivor of a slaughter of a tribe of Aborigines. Her desire to die is transformed by her friendship with a young white girl (Anna Ralph). Directed by John Honey.

8.30 Out of Court: Crime, punishment, and justice. A weekly investigation by David Jessel. Sue Cook, Ed Boyle and Michael Molyneux. Tonight's edition investigates the case of murdered schooboy Carl Bridgwater, and puts the case for a new inquiry to be held.

9.00 Dear Ladies: Hinge and Bracket effect changes in hospital routine.

9.30 *Forty Minutes: Educating Michael. Documentary* about the controversial Assisted Places Scheme which enables bright children to attend public school at the taxpayers' expense. The spotlight falls on Michael Light during his first term, and on two girls, Kathleen Roberts and Susannah Wright. (See Choice.)

10.10 Rowan and Martin's Laugh-in: Comedy show, with Carl Reiner and Andy Williams as guest stars.

11.25 *The Innes Book of Records:* Favourite songs from Neil Innes, with John Cooper *Clarke as special guest. (r)*

11.50 Newsnight By-Election Special: Sir Robin Day looks after the studio end of things on Chesterfield's big night, and Vincent Hanna is the man-on-the-spot for the declaration of the result. Ends at 2.30am approximately.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 People's Court: Judge Wapner delivers his verdict in the Case of the Sabotaged Script.

5.30 Chips Comic: Time for a spot of spring-cleaning at the office, but the comic (now defunct) still has to be prepared for printing. (r)

6.00 Barriers: Episode nine of this 20-part drama serial about a young man's search for his real parents. Tonight, he receives a parcel from Germany, containing a ring that had once belonged to his father. With Benedict Taylor as the searcher. (r)

6.30 Gardeners' Calendar: A second chance to embark on this course in basic gardening techniques. Tonight, Sid Love one of the team at the RHS gardens at Wisley, demon*strates the art of rose pruning,* and there is expert advice on lawn maintenance, making a good compost heap, sowing annuals in the vegetable garden, and preparing a mixed border. With Hannah Gordon.

7.00 Channel Four News. Includes coverage of the premiere of the Bob Champion film *Champions.*

7.50 Comment: Tonight's platform is occupied by Christopher Harvie, the Scottish historian, and professor of British Studies at Tubingen University, in West Germany.

8.00 Treasure Hunt: Terry Hickman and John Willis, both police officers, and both from Kidderminster, search through books etc for the clues that send Anneka Rice to the coves and castles of Cornwall in search of hidden treasure. The studio clue-hunters are assisted by Kenneth Kendall.

9.00 Soap: Ingrid manages to take an apparently compromising photograph of Burt and Sally, and Jessica Tate decides to have an affair with Detective Donovan.

9.30 The Boy in the Bush: Final episode of Hugh Whitemore's TV version of the D. H. Lawrence/Mollie Skinner novel set in Western Australia during the late 19th century. Tonight: the final, fatal, confrontation between the two enemies, Jack Grant (Kenneth Branagh) and Red Esau (Stephen Bisley).

10.30 The World at War: Another Look. Peter Calvocoressi, and others, on the Bletchley Park code-breakers involved in the "Ultra" secret message operation.

11.15 Wish You Were Here: Chris Kelly in Mojacar, near Almeria in Andalusia; Judith Chalmers on a caravan holiday in Aberystwyth; and Peter Marshall and family on the Shropshire Union Canal.

11.45 Stand Your Ground: Self-defence course. How to ward off a knife attack. The instructor is Kaleghi Quinn.

12.15 Close.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing: Weather.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30 8.30 News Summary. 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Checkpoint. A weekly investigation into listeners' problems of unfair dealings and injustice. With Roger Cook.
9.30 The Living World.
10.00 News; In Business.
10.30 Morning Story: "A Natural Death" by Celia Dale. Read by the author.
10.45 Daily Service for St David's Day from Manchester. With the Manchester Boys Choir.
11.00 News; Travel; Analysis.
11.48 Enquire Within.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Les Cottington with his weekly shopping guide.
12.27 Game For A Taff. Patrick Hannan looks at rugby and how Wales in particular has produced so many clean-limbed heroes on and off the field. 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's edition includes an item about the help available to fathers who, through divorce or separation, have had to sever all ties with their children. Also, episode six of Wycliffe and the Pea-green Boat.
3.00 *Afternoon Theatre: Diary of a* Surburban Housewife. By Sandra Clayton. Runner-up in the 1983 Radio Times Play Competition. A housewife (Jill Meers) keeps a diary in which she records the trials and tribulations, the mayhem and the confusion of family life. (See Choice.)
4.00 News; Just After Four. A tribute to the lifeboat service, by Francis Wood.
4.10 Bookshelf. With Hunter Davies.
4.40 Story Time: 'Vera' by Elizabeth Von Arnium. The reader is June Barrie.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful. Comedy series about life in an advertising agency.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Letter from India with Brian Redhead.
7.30 St. David's Day Concert. Brian Hoey introduces an evening of celebration from St David's Hall, Cardiff (As Radio 2). Part one.†
8.20 Any Answers?
8.40 St. David's Day Concert Part 2 (As Radio 2).†
9.30 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan makes a pilgrimage to St. David's Cathedral on the coast of Pembrokeshire. He explores its music, it history and its architecture.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'The Lost Domain' by Alain-Fournier (14). Read by Michael Williams.
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News: Chesterfield By-election Special, incl 12.10 Weather. 12.15 Shipping Forecast. 12.23-2.00 By-election Special (Long Wave only until 1.10).

England: VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel 9.05-12.00 For Schools: 9.05 A Service for Schools. 9.25 Secondary English, 11-14. 9.45 Opposites. 9.55 Movement and Drama 1. 10.15 Women in the 20th Century. 10.35 In Your Own Time. 10.55 Something to Think About. 11.05 In the News. 11.30 Wavelength. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner 2.00-3.00 For Schools: 2.00 Living Language. 2.20 Radio Geography. 2.40 Quest 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.00 Study on 4: Allez France! 11.30-12.10am Open University: 11.30 The Kizaemon Oido Teabowl. 11.50 Shakespeare's History Plays 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-time Broadcasting: 12.30 Choices 12.50 15/16.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: part one. Waldteufel's waltz Mon Rêve; Mendelssohn's Morgengruss Op 47 No 2 (Janet Baker), Pachelbel (Canon and gigue) and Rachmaninov's Symphonic Dances Op 45.† 8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert: part two. Saint-Saens's Dance of the Priestesses: Bacchanale from Samson and Delila; Lully's Pieces de symphonie; and Reger's Ballet Suite Op 130.† 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Bach. Trevor Pinnock (harpsichord) plays the Goldberg Variations (16 to 30). Also: the Eight Canons, BVW 1087, and the Canonic Variations on Von Himmel hock da komm' ich her.†
10.00 Music for Cinema: Philharmonia play Walton's Shakespeare suite Richard III; Ensemble Ars Nova play Satie's Cinema interlude form Relâche; and New Philharmonia play Copland's suite from The Red Pony.†
10.55 Virtuosos Cello: recital by Raphael Wallfish (cello) with Linn Hendry (piano). Various works by Ysaye (sonata for cello solo), Ginastera, Rossini trans Castelnuovo-Tedesco) ans Franz *Danzi arr Klug (Variations on a* theme from Don Giovanni).†
11.35 Chamber Orchestras of Europe: Netherlands Chamber Orch, with Jean-Jacques Kantarow (violin). Mozart's Divertimento K 136 ans Violin Concerto No 5, K 219; and Mozart's Adagio and fugue in C minor, K 546.† Interval reading at 12.20. 1.00 News.
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: John Elwes (tenor) with Clifford Benson (piano). Works by Saint-Saens, Fauré (Après un reve; Le Papillon et la fleur etc) and duparc.†
2.00 Bartok and Mozart: Endellion String Quartet play Bartok's Quartet No 2, and Mozart's Quartet in B Flat, K458 (The Hunt).†
3.00 Bach. The Mass in B minor. Bach Ensemble (cond Rifkin), with Nelson, Baird, Dooley, Minter, Hoffmeister, Brownless, Opalach ans Andrew Schultz.† 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Roger Nichols's selection includes works by Albinoni, Lalo, Rachmaninov and Warlock. Plus Welsh music to mark St David's Day, including songs from tenor David Lloyd.†
6.30 Bandstand: Bass Wingates Band play Sparke's march Woodhouse Lane: A Tameside Overture: and Vinter's Symphony of Marches.†
7.00 Lieder from Salzburg: Peter Schreier (tenor) and Norman Shetler (Piano) at last year's festival. The all-Schumann programme include Meine Tone still und heiter, Op 101, No 1: and the Liederkreis, Op 39.†
7.45 The Smell of the Seaweed, the Roar of the Fish: Sea-shore duologue, by Robert Ferguson, starring Annabelle Lanyon as a fatherless ten-year-old girl and Geoffrey Collins as a rather special friend who wants to marry her mother.
8.10 Piano Recital: Norma Fisher plays André Tchaikovsky's Inventions Op 2, and Schumann's sonata in G Minor, Op 22.
9.00 The King Emperor: William Squire is the narrator in E Pugh's tale of a young man (Robin Sachs) who falls under the spell of the beautiful queen of a strange and mystical land (Sian Phillips).†
9.35 *Cello and Piano:* recital by Ross Pople and Michael Freyhan. First broadcast of George Benjamin's Duo. Also, Debussy's Sonata, and Tchaikovsky's Pezzo capriccioso.†
10.15 Music in Our Time: The Lontano Ensemble give two first broadcast performances – of Istvan Lang's Music 2-3-4; and Gary Carpenter's Die Flimmerkiste. Sandor Balassa's Zenia completes the concert – the first of five programmes of British and European music.†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.
VHF only: Open University. 6.35-6.55 am The Interested Parties; 11.20 pm Modern Art: Baudelaire: 11.40-12.00 Three Perspectives on Personality.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 8.00pm and 9.00); major bulletins: 7.00, 8.00am 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight: headlines: 5.30, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30am (mf/mw). 4.00am Bill Rennells.† 5.30 Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan†, incl 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00pm Steve Jones†, incl 1.05 Sport. 2.00 Gloria Hunniford†incl 2.02, 3.03 Sport. 6.00 John Dunn†incl 6.02 Sport. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 7.30 St David's Day Concert. Brian Hoey introduces an evening of celebrations from St David's Hall, Cardiff. The soloists are Della Jones and Dennis O'Neill. 8.20-8.40 Almost a Welshman with Chris Stuart. 9.30 Wally Whyton with Country Club.19.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Bernie Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 2.00am David Bellan presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 Marching and Waltzing.†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and then 12.00 midnight (mf/mw). 6.00am Gary Davies. 7.00 Adrian John. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith, incl 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, incl 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.† VHF Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Country Style. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Bach Family. 8.30 John Peel. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Edward Elgar: The Making of a Composer. 10.15 Monitor. 10.30 Two Cheers for February. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 The Pleasure's Yours. 2.30 Discovery. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Assignment. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Meridian. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.15 Ulster Newsletter. 8.20 In the Meantime. 8.30 Business Matters. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 The Week in Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 A New Life in a New World. 1.15 Outlook: News Summary. 1.45 Ulster Newsletter. 1.50 In the Meantime. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 I Know It's Here Somewhere. 2.30 Talking about Music. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Country Style. 5.45 The World Today.

(All times in GMT)

BBC 1 Wales: 12.57-1.00 pm News of Wales. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales. 5.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Wales Today. 10.20-11.10 St David's Day Concert. Highlights from a celebratory concert which took place earlier this evening in St David's Hall, Cardiff. 11.10-11.45 Everyman: "No Longer Strangers" – A journey in Wales written and presented by Donald Allchin. 11.45-12.45 am Question Time. Sir Robin Day chairs as topical discussion (as BBC 1, 10.20 pm). 1.10 News. Scotland: 12.55-1.00 pm Scottish News. 5.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 11.45 News headlines. Scottish news summary and weather. Northern Ireland: 12.57-1.00 pm Northern Ireland news. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland news. 5.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Scene Around Six. 11.45 News headlines. Northern Ireland news headlines and weather. England: 5.55 pm Part of Sixty Minutes. 11.50 Close.

S4C Starts. 2.00pm Hwnt Ac Yma. 2.20 *Ffalabalam.* 2.35 *Beth, sut,* pam, pryd a ble? 2.50 Interval. 3.00 Make it count. 3.25 Flashback. 3.55 Cautionary Tales. 4.20 Dick van Dyke show. 4.50 Guto goch a malwen. 5.00 Y Gwylt. 5.30 Wayne and Shuster. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Here's Lucy. 7.00 Newyddion saith. 7.30 Can I gymru '84. 8.10 Coleg. 8.40 Gwyl gorawl corau meibion cymru. 9.30 Drama diffau. 11.45 Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN. † Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Crown Court 1.20 News 1.30 Contact 1.45 About Britain 2.15-2.30 Here Here 5.15-5.45 Happy Days 6.00 Crossroads 6.25 News 6.55 Emmerdale Farm 7.25-9.30 Film: Operation Crossbow (George Peppard) 12.15am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30 4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 University Challenge. 6.00 Crossroads. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35-8.30 Magnum. 12.15am News, Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Definition. 6.00 News. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35-8.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 10.30 West this week. 11.00 Snooker. 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV WEst except. 6.00pm Wales at Six. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30-8.30 Welsh Festival of Massed Male Choirs. 10.30 For St David's Day – A Curse on their Despoilers. 11.30-12.15am.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Joanie Loves Chachi. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.25 Arena. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 That's my Boy. 7.35-8.30 Quincy. 12.15am Big Question, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News and Lookaround. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35-8.30 Magnum. 10.32 Come In. 11.00 Snooker. 12.15 am Living Water, closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20-1.30 pm News. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies*. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55 Jazz. 7.00 Fall Guy. 8.00-8.30 That's My Boy. 12.15 am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Family Trees. 5.10 Bodyline. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.35 Now you see it. 7.05 Take the high road. 7.35-8.30 Magnum. 12.15am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.30 Gardens for all 7.00 Fall Guy 8.00-8.30 That's my Boy 12.15am Postcript, closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.30 First thing. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Mr Smith. 6.00 North tonight. 6.35 Police News. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 That's My Boy. 7.35-8.30 Magnum. 12.15 News, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Day Ahead. 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 At Ease. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.25 Police Six. 6.35 Cartoon. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35-8.30 Devlin Connection. 10.30 Counterpoint. 11.00 Snooker. 12.15am News, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25 am-9.30 Farming Brief. 12.30 pm-1.00 Crown Court. 1.20 News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.35 Food, Wine and Friends. 2.00-2.30 Miracles Take Longer. 5.15-5.45 Survival of the Fittest. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55 Emmerdale Farm. 7.25-9.30 Film: Operation Crossbow (George Peppard). 12.15 am Company, closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30-2.00 About Britain. 3.00-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbilles.* 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Granada Reports. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35-8.30 Magnum. 12.20am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 That's Hollywood 1.20 News 1.30-2.00 Calendar 5.15-5.45 Happy Days 6.00 Calendar 6.40 Crossroads 7.05 Emmerdale Farm 7.35 Magnum 12.15am Sweeney 1.15am Chesterfield By-election 2.00 Closedown

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

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Dated this 2[illegible] 1984.

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Dated the 23rd day of February 1984

H J DUPAY
Director

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J. PRITCHARD (MRS)
Director.

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Dated this 20th day of F[illegible] 1984.

S. D. SWADEN
Liquidator

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Lawson to go for 'give and take'

By Our Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, is likely to disappoint taxpayers and please the City in the budget by using more buoyant-than-expected revenues to cut government borrowing rather than to finance personal tax cuts.

Instead, he will present a "revenue-neutral" or a "give and take" budget on March 13. Modest income tax reductions – through raising thresholds by more than prices – and help for savers will probably be paid for by higher taxes on beer, tobacco and petrol.

Since the Treasury's last published forecast in November, strong economic growth, higher-than-expected pay rises and booming oil output have boosted the Government's estimated revenue for 1984-85. In addition, the new rules for taxing building societies, announced last week, could raise £100m or more.

If the Chancellor stuck to his original £8bn borrowing target for the coming year, this additional revenue would be available to reduce taxes. But insisting on a neutral budget, he has paved the way for lower borrowing instead.

This, Mr Lawson hopes, will convince the City of the Government's determination to keep up the fight against inflation and make room for interest rates to come down.

The Chancellor has already hinted that he may reduce his borrowing target to take account of sales of state assets. City economists believe a target of £7.5bn is likely, compared with estimated borrowing in 1983-84 of between £9bn and £10bn.

The fresh version of the Government's medium-term financial strategy to be presented in the Budget is expected to show a steady decline in public borrowing and money growth over the next three to five years. Its aim is to make significant progress towards Mr Lawson's ultimate goal of price stability.

The cheerful prospects for state revenues could, however, be clouded if sterling strengthens significantly against the dollar, which many analysts now expect. Each 1 per cent rise in the pound cuts receipts from North Sea oil, which is priced in dollars, by nearly £100m.

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Winning smiles: A jubilant Senator Gary Hart (left) and his wife and daughter (top right) savour the headlines of his stunning victory as the glum front-runner, Mr Mondale (right) concedes defeat at Boston airport.

Mondale puts brave face on defeat by Hart

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In giving Senator Hart his handsome victory, voters in New Hampshire not only lived up to their reputation of tripping up front-runners, but also defied pollsters and pundits, all of whom had predicted an easy win for the former Vice-President.

"I love New Hampshire," the normally reserved Senator Hart said with a broad smile. "New Hampshire voters are cantankerous, independent and make up their own minds – and they are smart".

By the time voting stopped Senator Hart had captured 40 per cent of the votes cast, compared with 29 per cent for Mr Mondale and 12 per cent for Senator John Glenn.

Of the other also-rans, the Reverend Jesse Jackson and Mr George McGovern both won 6 per cent, Senator Ernest Hollings 4 per cent, Senator Alan Cranston 2 per cent and Mr Reubin Asken 1 per cent.

Although the New Hampshire result would appear to have ended the presidential ambitions of most of the other runners, only Senator Cranston has formally pulled out

Senator Hart's victory was the most stunning Democratic upset in 32 years. Not since Senator Estes Kefauver beat President Truman in the 1952 primary has a democratic longshot scored such a big win over a favoured candidate.

Tuesday's result shows that many voters rejected Mr Mondale because he was perceived as being the candidate of "special interest groups" such as the trade unions, and the party establishment. Voters also felt he made too many promises which he could not fulfil.

Senator Hart, on the other hand, who is aged 47 and has a Kennedy-like air about him, was seen as standing for change and new ideas.

MPs' inquiry condemns electricity price rise

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"We find the whole process by which the industry's external financing limit (EFL) for 1984-85 was set, quite apart from the figure itself, extremely disturbing, since it appears to have almost completely inverted the normal procedure

"The Electricity Council was asking no more than to be allowed to see how the industry's financial position developed during the course of the year before deciding what action might be required to meet its EFL. We find it quite extraordinary that the Government were unwilling to accept this sensible suggestion."

"We cannot avoid the conclusion that the only plausible motivation for the large increase in the industry's negative EFL was the Government wish to raise additional revenue to reduce the public sector borrowing requirement."

The committee also says that the Government's actions have forced the electricity industry to adopt the pricing policies of an unfettered monopoly at a time when it is trying to cut costs by introducing more competition into the energy market.

The committee is highly crictial of evidence given by treasury officials. "The inability of the Treasury to present their own case in a cogent and serious manner can only encourage the assumption that they do not themselves believe that it would survive close scrutiny", the report says.

The committee also criticises Mr Walker for his rigid adherence to the doctrine of Cabinet responsibility.

Labour's shadow energy spokesman, Mr Stan Orme, said yesterday: "The report is a damning indictment of the Government's energy policy.

£75,000 libel defeat for Jameson

Mr Derek Jameson, the former Fleet Street editor, yesterday lost his High Court libel action against the BBC over a radio programme which called him "an East End boy made bad".

Mr Justice Comyn ordered that Mr Jameson must pay the full legal costs of the action, estimated unofficially at £75,000, after the jury agreed unanimously after seven hours of deliberation that the programme was defamatory, but was fair comment and not malicious.

As he left the court Mr Jameson said: "All I have done was my job as a Fleet Street editor and in that sense this decision is an indictment of popular newspapers in general."

Mr Jameson, aged 54, of St Pancras, London, was until last month editor of the News of the World. He had previously been editor of the Daily Express and Daily Star.

He said he felt that, in suing for libel he was defending Fleet Street and journalists. "IBrought this case to show that honesty, intergrity, decency and fair play do exist in Fleet Street and I hoped that I had demonstrated those virtues clearly. the jury has decided other wise".

Mr Jameson described the costs order as devasting, adding: "It will take everything I have got. But I will be just on right side of Bankruptcy, all being well". He was considering an appeal.

Mr Jameson had said during the 12-day trial that he was "knocked for six" when he heard a recording of the Radio 4 Week Ending programme, broadcast in March, 1980, on the day he switched from being the Daily Star's editor-in-chief to a more active role as its editor.

The sketch, titled "Man of the Week", called him "an editor who sees reality with half an eye, humour with half a wit".

He rejected the tag "tit and bum man", and said he bitterly resented the name "Sid Yobbo", given him by Private Eye magazine. He disliked being presented as "a stupid illiterate yob".

Mr John Wilmers, QC, for the BBC, said the corporation regretted the "personal hurt" that the sketch caused Mr Jameson, but added: "The exercise of free speech sometimes does just that".

Frank Johnson in New Hampshire

Primary case of poll failure

Few Europeans can ever really have grasped why the choosing for the American presidential elections in November starts in a place called New Hampshire in February. But for most of us, the knowledge of why would somehow spoil things. Whatever the explanation, Primary Day dawned once more in New Hampshire.

Early returns indicated that, supplied by television and the candidates' staff, there was one professional observer-pollster-psephologist or man with a beard – in short, one expert – for every democratic voter.

This arsenal of democracy had bombarded America with analysis of every voter, town, industry, black person, ethnic group, and pine tree in the state – only the pine trees being, of all those phenomena, at all numerous in the gloriously unrepresentative New Hampshire. The weather alone had remained unanalysed, it having been unseasonably mild.

Whereupon, we awoke on voting day to high winds sending a vast snowstorm swirling among the trees and settling on early voters. We hurried to the temporary capital of American political science – the breakfast room of the Sheraton Wayfarer, Manchester – to find out what it meant, for in this analysis-cramped season, it must have meant something. "This snowstorm will favour Mondale", an official of the state Democratic Party explained.

Because he was the candidate of the trade unions, Mr Mondale was the best organized, the theory ran, so he had the cars that would alone persuade the old folk to go out on a day like this. Not that the Mondale people would necessarily take them home again, he cynically jested.

Other authorities disputed this. The Mondale vote was broad, but not deep. Being made up of normal people, rather than the idealistic followers of Senator Gary Hart, they do not wander about in snowstorms. So it was looking good for Mr Hart.

A conspiratorial-looking man with a black beard entered for breakfast, exchanging a few words with an American from what is called here the Print Media. The beard was that of Mr Caddell, Mr Hart's pollster. "Caddell says Mondale's people are worried", reported the American colleague.

A snow plough passed by on the highway. "That will favour Mondale", said the man from the state Democratic Party. We foreigners marvelled at the strength of this Mondale, a candidate favoured by both snow and attempts to clear it. Suddenly a Hart person arrived with the news that an exit poll in a ward in downtown Manchester showed, astoundingly, Mr Hart ahead of Mr Mondale when all the experts had said that Mr Hart would only be a strong second.

Several worried Mondale people exited in the direction exit poll. The hotel began to disappear beneath the relentless snow. We clustered around the television, the only contact with the outside world.

At this hour in the fortunes of the Republic, America's immensely vain and famous television political commentators had nothing to contribute. It was the apotheosis of the weathermen on the New Hampshire local stations. The snow was expected to be heaviest north of Plymouth. "That won't favour anybody," that Democratic expert explained. By nightfall, further exit polls could no longer be denied.

We hurried to a low-ceiling restaurant downtown in which Mr Hart was exulting in front of a delirious young crowd. On the wall was a huge quotation: "We must seek new goals. We must be bold. We must take chances. The world will not wait."

Actually, the world had no alternative but to wait. This kind of meaningless muzak seems to be expected of all trim, youthful-looking Democratic politicians. In a way, this was oddly reassuring to the West European, dependant, as he is, for his security on this worrying new civilization.

Back on the television, a Mondale person named Mike was saying that they would fight on, despite anything now said by "the pundents", by whom he almost certainly meant the pundits.

On the screen through the night, some of those were suitably contrite about their forecasts. Others explained that Mr Mondale's famed organization, paid for by the trade unions, was what undid him. People in New Hampshire did not like trade unions.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, attends a reception at St James's Palance for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, 11.30 to 12.30, and 4 to 5.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends the premiere of the film *Champions* at the Odeon Cinema, Leicester Square, 8.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Air Chief Commandant, Women's Royal Air Force, visits Royal Air Force Swinderby, Lincolshire, 11.

New exhibitions

Punt Exhibition: Ikon Gallery 58–72 John Bright St., Birmingham; Tues to Sat 10 to 6, (closed Sun & Mon) (ends March 31).

Andrew Holmes and Kevin Harley exhibition, Walsall Museum & Art Gallery, Lichfield Street, Walsall, Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4.45 (closed Sun) (ends March 17).

Music

Concert by Julia Vohralik (cello) and Malcolm Martineau (piano), Solihull Library Theatre, Solihull, 1.

Amoco celebrity concert by the Cleveland Quartet with Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich (piano). Turner Sims Concert Hall Southampton University, Southampton, 8.

Concert by John Elwes (tenor) and Clifford Benson (piano), St George's, Brendon Hill, Bristol, 1.

Concert by Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Bournemouth Symphony Chorus, Winter Gardens, Bournemouth, 7.30.

Concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta, the King's School, Ottery St Mary, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

Neolithic and Iron Age fortresses on Crickley Hill, Gloucester by Dr P. W. Dixon, Attenborough Lecture Room 4, Leicester University, Leicester, 5.30.

The 1984 General Gordon Memorial Lecture – the sanctity of Charles I by Fr. J. M. Charles-Roux, Stamford Hill, Spinneys House, 5 Manor Road, Leicester, 8.

The role of simulation in engineering by Derek Atherton, Applied Sciences 3 Lecture Theatre, University of Sussex, Brighton, 6.30.

Italy's second industrial revolution: reconstruction since 1945 by Preofessor Luigi de Rosa, 4.30; Hitler's empire: the Third Reich reconsidered by D. J. Hiden, 6.15, both at Elvet Riverside Lecture Rooms, University of Durham, New Elvet, Durham City.

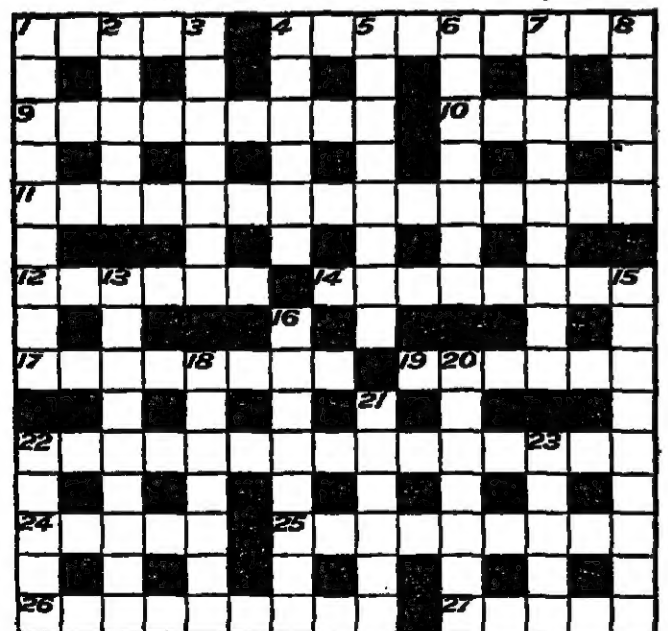
General

General Synod of the church of England, Church House, Dean's Yard, SW1, 9.30 to 1 and 2.30 to 6. (last day).

Exhibition in progress

Prints by Manet; Graves Art Gallery, Surrey Street, Sheffield; Mon to Sat 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5 (ends March 18).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,367



ACROSS

1 A good deal, in a sense (5)
4 Unaware by night (2,3,4)
9 Wiltshireman in Fleming's novel (9).
10 Record, we hear, put straight (5).
11 Painting medium people match unreliably (15).
[illegible] found in the Yukon (6).
[illegible] record has unsatisfactory [illegible] (8).
[illegible] who clashed in secondary [illegible]
[illegible] about, about, about, [illegible]
[illegible] and dispose of [illegible] (4).
[illegible] in cowboy [illegible]
[illegible] a lorry's [illegible]
[illegible] the ad- [illegible]
[illegible] white [illegible]

DOWN

[illegible]

5 Hear a name, a name for spice (8).
6 Unpredictable boy, holding one of 16 (7).
7 Sponge out a clean keg (5-4).
8 Girl in funds (5).
13 In France a pay-out, though lacking a quarter, is complete (9).
15 A second uninteresting vehicle turning up in 3 (9).
16 Animals rationed out (8).
18 Snub put in writing (3-4).
20 Breccia is rocky, harsh (7).
21 Am I surrounded by knowing relations? (6).
22 Soldier-author – producing such as "Catriona" (5).
23 We have, so to speak, to go to and fro (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,366

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Appropriation (Nortern Ireland) Order.

Lords (3): Cable and Broadcasting Bill, report, second day.

Mail delays

The Post Office has announced that because of industrial action by some members of British Rail staff on Tuesday, mail services in many parts of the country are subject to some delay.

Genius of Venice

The Royal Academy has decided to extend *The Genius of Venice* exhibition by a week. Scheduled to close on March 11 it will now run until Sunday, March 18. By the evening of Sunday, February 26, more than 330,000 visitors had seen the exhibition.

Spanish strike

Employees of Iberia Air lines, the state-owned Spanish airline, will strike today to protest against predicted layoffs. However, employees of Aviaco, the country's second largest airline, have cancelled their plans for a strike on the same day. Intermittent work stoppages affected both airlines last week.

New books – hardback

The literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

A Cup of News, the Life of Thomas Nashe, by Charles Nicholl (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £14.95)

Charles Williams, an Exploration of his Life and Work, by Alice Hadfield (Oxford, £15)

Darwin and the Spirit of Man, by Alister Hardy (Collins, 19.95)

Home and Dry, Memoirs III, by Roy Fuller (London Magazine Editions, 18.95)

Operetta, a Theatrical History, by Richard Traubner (Gollancz, £12.95)

The Aenied of Virgil, translated by Robert Fitzgerald (Marvill Press, £12.50)

Sydney Parkinson, Artist of Cook's Endeavour Voyage, edited by D. J. Carr (Croom Helm, £18.95)

The English Catholic Church in the Nineteenth Century, by Edward Norman (Oxford, £22.50)

The John Tradescants, Gardeners to the Rose and Lily Queen, by Prudence Leith-Ross (Peter Owen, £20)

The Puritan Gentry, the Great Puritan Families of Early Stuart England, By J. T. Cliffe (Routlege & Kegan Paul, £18.95)

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The papers

The New York Times says that President Reagan cannot bring himself to confess failure in Lebanon or to call a retreat by its proper, dignified name. "Yet neither can he find much support from those on the other side, whom he called cowards for urging just such a retreat", it adds. "What is election-year sport in America, however, can be alarming to allies and vastly more damaging than anything that has yet occurred. Having taken that blow on the nose, the nation cannot afford either Reagan's fumbling evasions or his critics' denigrations of American power."

Anniversaries

Births: Frederic Chopin, Zelazowa Wola, Poland, 1810; Augustus Pugin, architect and designer, prominent in the Gothic revival, London, 1812; Lytton Strachey, biographer and critic, London, 1880. Deaths: Thomas Campion, poet and composer, London, 1620; George Herbert, poet, Bemerton, Wiltshire, 1633; George Grossmith, comedian, creator of many Gilbert and Sullivan characters, author with Weedon Grossmith of *Diary of a Nobody*, Folkestone, 1912; Gabrile D'Annunzio, poet, dramatist and politician, Gardone Riviera, 1938.

Today is the Feast of Saint David the patron saint of Wales. There is little known of his life that can be substantiated. Many legends and apocryphal incidents have been associated with him during a life which one chronicler puts at 140 years. It is certain that he settled at Mynyw (Menevia) now St David's, Dyfed, where he established a monastery. His death is dated C 601. This day has long been celebrated as Wales's national day, even outside the country. In 1492 Henry VII's Privy Purse Expenses, March 1 records," Walshmen on St David Day £2". Of the wearing of the leek the *Gesta Anglo-Romana*, states "the Britons on this day constantly wear a leek, in memory of a famous and notable victory obtained by them over the Saxons.

Smells for the blind

The Royal National Institute for the Blind has developed an "odour kit" as an educational aid for blind children, particularly those with other handicaps. Information and kits (free, while initial stocks last, to British schools for blind or partially-sighted children) from the RNIB, 224 Great Portland Street, London W1 6AA. Tel: 01-388 1266.

Roads

London and South-East: A11: Eastbound carriageway in Bow Road, between Bromley High Street and the Bow flyover, reduced 0830 to 1230, westbound 1330 – 1600.

Midlands and East Anglia: A45: Road works on Daventry road at Fosse Crossing, Warwickshire. A49: Single-lane traffic on Shrewsbury – Ludlow road at Marshbrook; signals. A45: Lane closures along Cambridge by-pass in Cambridgeshire.

Wales and West: A381/A385: Temporary traffic lights at Brutus Bridge, Bridgetown Hill, Totnes. M4: One lane only at westbound junction 19 (Bristol M32). A38: Lane closures at Marsh Mills, between Plymouth and Ivybridge.

North: A696: Road works and delays at Newcastle Airport, NW of Newcastle. A56: Single-lane traffic, diversions (signposted) in Washway Road, Sale. A167: Merrington Lane, Ferryhill (B6287) closed due to remedial bridge work.

Scotland: A8: Width restrictions in Castle Street/High Street/Saltmarket, Glasgow. A82: Single-lane traffic with lights at Tarbet, Dunbartonshire. A76: Single-lane traffic and temporary lights south of junction with A719, south-east of Kilmarnock.

Information supplied by AA

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.64	1.56
Austria Sch	28.50	26.90
Belgium Fr	85.50	81.50
Canada $	1.92	1.85
Denmark Kr	14.77	14.07
Finland Mkk	8.69	8.29
France Fr	12.29	11.79
Germany DM	4.00	3.82
Greece Dr	163.00	153.00
Hongkong $	11.85	11.25
Ireland Pt	1.31	1.25
Italy Lira	2475.00	2375.00
Japan Yen	362.00	346.00
Netherlands Gld	4.54	4.32
Norway Kr	11.65	11.05
Portugal Esc	201.00	191.00
South Africa Rd	1.96	1.82
Spain Pta	226.00	217.00
Sweden Kr	12.05	11.45
Switzerland Fr	3.34	3.17
USA $	1.53	1.48
Yugoslavia Dnr	211.00	201.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank

Retail Price Index: 342.60

London: The *FT* Index closed 0.7 up at 819.8.

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Weather

A weak ridge of high pressure will be maintained over southern parts, but troughs of low pressure will cross some northern areas.

6am to midnight

London, SE England, Channel Islands: Cloudy with light rain and drizzle in places at first, soon becoming dry with sunny intervals; wind W or W light; max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45f).

East Anglia, central S, E, central N England, E, W Midlands: Early mist and fog patches clearing; dry with sunny intervals developing; wind W or NW light or moderate; temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F).

SW England, S Wales: Mostly dry, rather cloudy though some sunny intervals; wind NW, moderate; max temp 7 to 8C (25 to 48F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Northern Ireland: Mostly cloudy, light rain and drizzle especially over coasts and hills; wind W moderate locally fresh, max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Rather cloudy, light rain or drizzle in places, sunny intervals developing; wind W or NW moderate; max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F).

Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll: Rain, with snow on high ground for a time, some drier interludes; wind W moderate becoming variable light; max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F).

NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Wintry showers and bright intervals, more general rain with snow on hills later; wind variable light; max temp 5 to 7C (41 to45F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: changeable with showers or longer periods of rain and also sunny intervals; becoming colder with slight frosts.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind light veering NW light or moderate; sea slight. English Channel (E): Wind mainly NW light becoming moderate. Sea slight. St George's Channel: Wind NW light increasing moderate or fresh later. Sea smooth becoming moderate later. Irish Sea: Wind NW light becoming SW fresh or strong later. Sea smooth becoming rough later.

Sun rises: 6.46 am — Sun sets: 5.41 pm
Moon rises: 6.54 am — Moon sets: 4.08 pm
New moon tomorrow

Lighting-up time

London 6.11 pm to 6.13 am
Bristol 6.21 pm to 6.23 am
Edinburgh 6.17 pm to 6.31 am
Manchester 6.17 pm to 6.24 am
Penzance 6.34 pm to 6.33 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

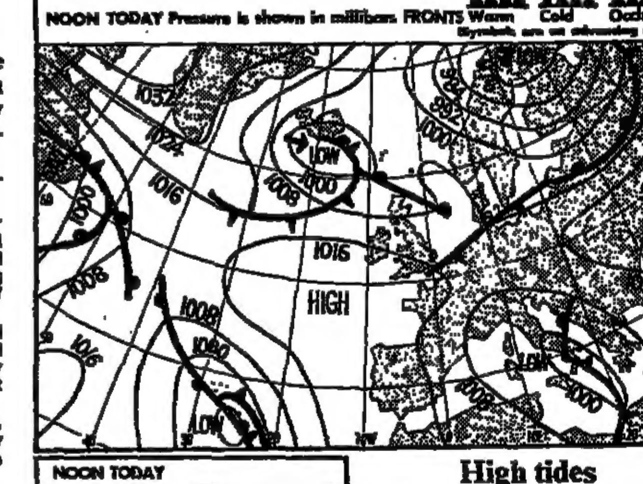
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	8	46	Guernsey	r	4	39
Birmingham	c	4	39	Inverness	c	8	46
Blackpool	dr	6	43	Jersey	c	5	41
Bristol	r	6	43	London	c	5	41
Cardiff	c	6	43	Manchester	dr	4	39
Edinburgh	f	10	50	Newcastle	1	9	48
Glasgow	c	9	43	Ronaldsway	c	9	48

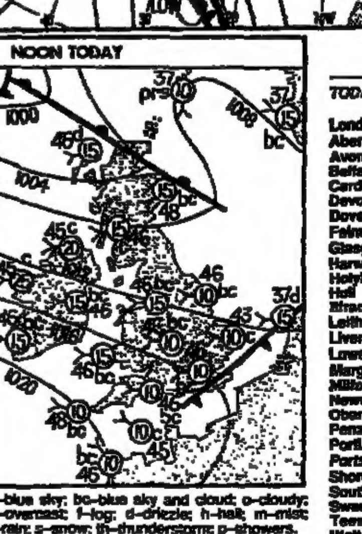
London

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 8 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 70 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.0in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1015.6 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Newcastle, Glasgow and Carrigans 11c (52f); lowest day max: Lerwick 4c (39f); highest rainfall: Kirkwall 0.34in; highest sunshine: Scarborough 3.5hr.





b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

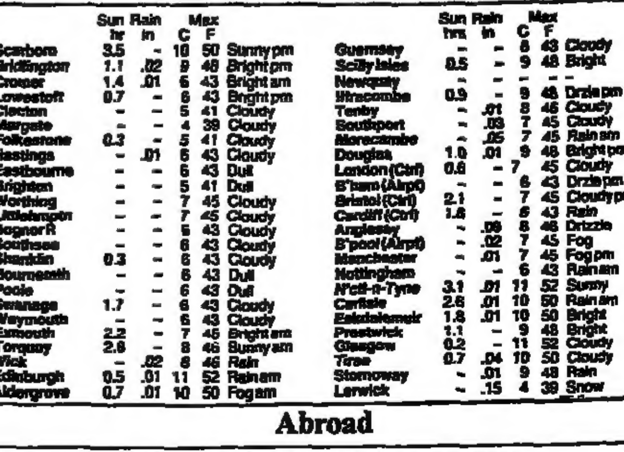
High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.09	6.5	1.35	6.8
Aberdeen	12.49	3.8	12.49	3.9
Avonmouth	6.38	12.1	6.59	12.1
Belfast	10.31	3.3	10.49	3.1
Cardiff	6.23	11.2	6.44	11.2
Devonport	5.13	5.1	5.38	5.0
Dover	10.42	6.0	10.52	6.2
Falmouth	4.43	4.9	5.08	4.8
Glasgow	12.28	4.4	12.51	4.6
Harwich	11.30	3.7	11.43	3.7
Holyhead	9.53	5.2	10.17	5.1
Hull	5.57	6.5	6.00	6.9
Ilfracombe	5.29	8.4	5.47	8.3
Leith	2.11	5.0	2.22	5.1
Liverpool	10.47	8.8	11.09	8.7
Lowestoft	9.15	2.2	9.05	2.3
Margate	11.54	4.3	11.51	4.4
Milford Haven	5.45	6.5	6.04	6.4
Newquay	4.37	6.5	4.55	6.4
Oban	5.26	3.7	5.49	3.6
Penzance	4.11	5.2	4.34	5.1
Portland	6.23	1.9	6.54	1.7
Portsmouth	10.56	4.2	11.23	4.4
Shoreham	10.45	5.7	11.10	5.9
Southampton	10.28	4.1	11.00	4.2
Swansea	5.51	8.6	6.12	8.6
Tees	3.14	4.8	3.17	5.1
Walton-on-Naze	11.22	3.8	11.30	3.8

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	3.5	-	10	50	Sunny pm	Guernsey	-	-	6	43	Cloudy
Bridlington	1.1	.02	9	48	Bright pm	Scilly Isles	0.5	-	9	48	Bright
Cromer	1.4	.01	6	43	Bright am	Newquay	-	-	-	-	
Lowestoft	0.7	-	6	43	Bright pm	Ilfracombe	0.9	-	9	48	Drzle pm
Clacton	-	-	5	41	Cloudy	Tenby	-	.01	8	46	Cloudy
Margate	-	-	4	39	Cloudy	Southport	-	.03	7	45	Cloudy
Folkestone	0.3	-	5	41	Cloudy	Morecambe	-	.05	7	45	Rain am
Hastings	-	.01	6	43	Cloudy	Douglas	1.0	.01	9	48	Bright pm
Eastbourne	-	-	6	43	Dull	London (Ctrl)	0.6	-	7	45	Cloudy
Brighton	-	-	5	41	Dull	B'ham (Airpt)	-	-	6	43	Drzle pm
Worthing	-	-	7	45	Cloudy	Bristol (Ctrl)	2.1	-	7	45	Cloudy pm
Littlehmptn	-	-	7	45	Cloudy	Cardiff (Ctrl)	1.6	-	6	43	Rain
Bognor R	-	-	6	43	Cloudy	Anglesey	-	.09	8	46	Drizzle
Southsea	-	-	6	43	Cloudy	B'pool (Airpt)	-	.02	7	45	Fog
Shanklin	0.3	-	6	43	Cloudy	Manchester	-	.01	7	45	Fog pm
Bournemouth	-	-	6	43	Dull	Nottingham	-	-	6	43	Rain am
Poole	-	-	6	43	Dull	N'ctl-n-Tyne	3.1	.01	11	52	Sunny
Swanage	1.7	-	6	43	Cloudy	Carlisle	2.6	.01	10	50	Rain am
Weymouth	-	-	6	43	Cloudy	Eskdalemuir	1.8	.01	10	50	Bright
Exmouth	2.2	-	7	46	Bright am	Prestwick	1.1	-	9	48	Bright
Torquay	2.8	-	8	46	Sunny am	Glasgow	0.2	-	11	52	Cloudy
Wick	-	.02	8	46	Rain	Tiree	0.7	.04	10	50	Cloudy
Edinburgh	0.5	.01	11	52	Rain am	Stornoway	-	.01	9	48	Rain
Aldergrove	0.7	.01	10	50	Fog am	Lerwick	-	.15	4	39	Snow

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	15	59	Copenhgn	dr	2	36	Majorca	c	12	54	Rio de Jan*	s	31	88
Akrotiri	s	17	63	Corfu	s	20	68	Malaga	c	10	50	Rome	s	17	63
Alexandria	c	23	73	Dallas				Malta	s	17	63	Salzburg	s	5	41
Algiers	f	16	61	Dublin	c	9	48	Melbourne*	f	23	73	Sao Paulo*	c	32	90
Amsterdam	fg	0	32	Dubrovnik	c	16	61	Mexico C*	c	20	68	S Francisco*	f	12	54
Athens	s	17	63	Faro	c	13	55	Miami*	s	27	81	Santiago*	s	23	73
Bahrain*	f	20	68	Florence	c	11	52	Milan	c	8	46	Seoul*	s	-1	30
Barbados*	s	28	82	Frankfurt	c	4	39	Montreal*	s	-6	21	Singapore*	f	30	86
Barcelona	f	9	48	Funchal	f	16	61	Moscow	s	-6	21	Stockholm	c	2	36
Beirut*	s	17	63	Geneva	c	2	36	Munich	c	2	36	Strasbourg	c	1	34
Belgrade	s	6	43	Gibraltar	r	11	52	Nairobi*	f	28	82	Sydney*	f	27	81
Berlin	s	6	43	Helsinki	dr	-3	27	Naples	s	17	63	Tangier	c	10	50
Bermuda*	s	22	72	Hongkong*	c	16	61	New Delhi				Tel Aviv	s	21	70
Biarritz	f	8	46	Innsbruck	s	5	41	New York*	f	2	36	Tenerife	f	18	64
Boulogne	f	6	43	Istanbul	dr	6	43	Nice	c	11	52	Tokyo*	s	9	48
Bordeaux	c	5	41	Jiddah				Oslo	f	4	39	Toronto*	f	-3	27
Brussels	s	6	43	Jo'burg*	f	26	79	Ottawa				Tunis*	s	20	68
Budapest*	c	4	39	Karachi*	s	27	81	Paris	c	3	37	Valencia	f	12	54
Buen Aires*	s	26	79	Las Palmas	f	18	64	Peking*	s	3	37	Vancouver*	r	9	48
Cairo*	s	20	68	Lisbon	c	7	45	Perth*	s	22	72	Venice	r	7	45
Cape Tn*	s	24	75	Locarno	r	4	39	Prague	f	3	37	Vienna	c	4	39
C'blanca	c	14	57	L Angeles*	s	19	66	Reykjavik	c	-6	21	Warsaw	c	2	36
Chicago*	s	2	36	Luxembg	c	2	36	Rhodes	f	19	66	Washington*	c	1	34
Cologne	s	6	43	Madrid	f	6	43	Riyadh*	s	23	73	Zurich	c	1	34

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

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